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FLASHBACK

25 Years Ago

The England tourists in Australia had their closest result of the trip when they beat New South Wales 3-1. Bobby Langton, Jimmy Hagan and Frank Broome scoring the goals. They followed up by beating Victoria 5-0. Trevor Smith of Birmingham, who played at centre-half, went upfield to score two goals, and Hagan, Broome and Langton netted again. Fulham, who had signed Archie Macaulay, moved into the market again, capturing Bobby Brennan from Birmingham for £20,000. Five times capped by N. Ireland, Brennan had signed for Luton Town in 1949 from Distillery. In the same year Birmingham paid £20,000 for his signature. This brilliant inside-forward later went on to Norwich, where he made many appearances. The close-season transfer market was quiet in June, although July was to see plenty of brisk business.

20 Years Ago

Football is played at all levels and we wonder how many readers look back at the players who have won England Youth caps and then went on to make a name for themselves in the League and some on to full international honours. The 1955-56 Youth side had some exciting players. Youngsters like Wilf McGuinness and Paul Jones of Manchester United, Jimmy Melia of Liverpool and Alan Peacock (Middlesbrough). Just how much the goals have dried up is shown by the leading scorers for 1955-56. Derek Hales of Charlton, who finished with 28 League goals in 1975-76, would have been placed 7th in the top scorers 20 years ago. In the First and Second Divisions the following players topped the 30 League goals mark: Nat Lofthouse (Bolton) was the only one in the First Division with 32 goals, but in the Second Division there were Tommy Briggs (Blackburn) 31, John Atyeo (Bristol City) 30, John Charles (Leeds) 30, Willie Gardiner (Leicester) 34 and top League scorer and Ray Shiner (Sheffield Wednesday) 33.

10 Years Ago

While most of the attention had been on the struggle for domestic and European honours, Wales had played three matches in South America, twice against Brazil in a tournament and once against Chile. Their first match was in Rio when Brazil, with goals from Silva, Ser-villo and Garrincha won 3-1, with Wales' sole reply coming from Ron Davies. Then it was on to Belo Horizonte, a city every English fan has heard of — thanks to the U.S.A. beating England 1-0 there in 1950! But Wales put up a magnificent fight before losing to an own goal by Peter Rodrigues, with Leicester City at the time. The third game was against Chile in Santiago where the home side scored twice through Marcos and Tobar without reply from The Red Dragons.

GOOD LUCK, CYRIL



IT'S always sad to see the career of a popular player brought to a premature end through persistent injury.

It happened recently to Cyril Knowles (above), a really fine full-back who rose from comparative obscurity to achieve the game's top honours.

After unsuccessful spells as a junior with Manchester United and Wolves, he joined Middlesbrough, then in Division Two, and in May, 1964, was signed by Spurs for £45,000.

Tall, skilful Cyril more than repaid that fee.

During his ten years at Tottenham he appeared in over 400 League games, won F.A. Cup and two League Cup medals and gained four England caps in addition to six at Under-23 level.

However, trouble with his left knee which meant him sitting on the sidelines for much of the past season has sadly ended his magnificent career.

All on SHOOT/GOAL wish you well for the future, Cyril.

Goodbye, Charlie

VILLA Park won't seem the same next season without the presence of cheerful Charlie Aitken.

It was in April, 1961, that the former Scottish junior made his League debut for Villa.

It was the start of a career that has earned him a high reputation as a forceful left-back.

Early in 1974 he smashed the long-reigning Aston Villa appearance record of 480 by Billy Walker set up in 1934 and finished last season with over 550 League games to his credit.

Now his phenomenal innings has come to an end with a free transfer.

QUIT

MANCHESTER CITY full-back Glyn Pardoe has quit playing and taken up a coaching appointment at Maine Road.

City have awarded Pardoe a testimonial.

● After acting as caretaker-manager for the last four games of the season and steering the club clear of the relegation zone, ex-Chelsea and England star Barry Bridges has been appointed boss of League of Ireland side St. Patrick's Athletic.

● LIVERPOOL conceded only ten goals in away League matches last season. That's one fewer than the previous post-War record set up by Birmingham City in the Second Division in 1947-48.

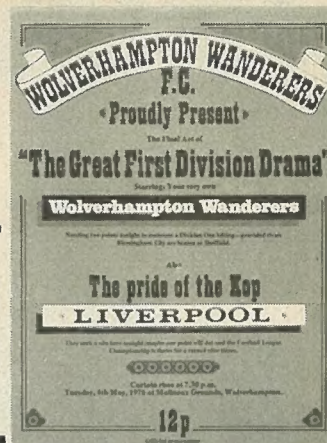
ANDY NEEDHAM, the London-born striker who earned a first-team place at Birmingham City near the end of the season, has been released by manager Willie Bell.

The reason? Needham refused to act as a substitute in a vital reserve-team game. Manager Bell commented: "I cannot tolerate such actions."

DESPITE their relegation fears — which were realised by Liverpool's victory — Wolves produced an excellent end of season match programme.

The front cover proves the Molineux club still has a sense of the big occasion. Such enterprise deserved more.

Hurry back, Wolves.



'HAMMERS LOOKED LIKE A LOAD OF COWBOY SINGERS' say their fans

IF West Ham listen to the opinion of their fans they will discard the new style shirts they wore in the European Cup-Winners' Cup Final against Anderlecht in Brussels (see centre spread) and revert to the traditional claret and blue they have been identified with for so long.

One of our reporters sat among Hammers' fans in the Heysel Stadium and every comment he heard about the new shirts — which had a deep blue V design

on the front — were unfavourable.

"All they need now are the tassels and the guitars and the Tex Ritter image will be complete," growled one clearly unimpressed customer.

Is it likely the theme from the film classic "High Noon" will replace the famous "Bubbles" as West Ham's signature tune if the Upton Park club continue to turn out in their controversial new shirts?

CORRECTION

Owing to a Printers' error, the line-ups for the Ayr v Motherwell game in last week's issue should have appeared in the results for Monday, May 3, not on Saturday, May 1.



FREED

CELTIC have released mid-field man Harry Hood, who cost them £35,000 when transferred from Clyde seven years ago. Partick, Motherwell, Hearts, Dundee, Clyde and Kilmarnock are among those clubs interested in the player.

Harry is currently considering his future while playing in the States with San Antonio Thunder.

HEARTS shocked Scottish fans by freeing two of their most experienced players, international striker Donald Ford and centre-half Alan Anderson.

ABERDEEN have given free transfers to goalkeepers Andy Geoghegan and Noel Ward and striker Billy Pirie.

MORTON also provided a shock by giving a free to Ross Irvine, one of the most versatile youngsters in Scotland.

He can operate in the back-four as well as an attacking role in the middle of the park.

● Former Hearts, Hibs and Dundee United striker Alan Gordon has quit Dundee and retired from soccer completely.



PADDY MULLIGAN'S free transfer from Crystal Palace to West Brom early last season must rank as one of the shrewdest captures of all times by the man who signed him, Hawthorns player-manager Johnny Giles.

They appeared as team-mates for the Republic of Ireland in 15 internationals during the past five years.

Together at West Brom they helped lift the club back into the First Division ... a tribute to the abilities of both men.

● Belated congratulations to Paddy and his lovely bride Maria, an air hostess. They were married in Richmond, Surrey, last month.

GORDON HILL

'The once-in-a-lifetime star'

GORDON HILL (right), Manchester United's wing bombshell, is going to be one of the world's outstanding forwards over the next decade!

So says the man who discovered him and gave him his chance when others turned their backs — former Millwall manager Benny Fenton.

Benny signed Gordon after just one trial while he was still with the then Athenian League club Southall.

Says Benny: "He had been discarded by Q.P.R. and Southend and snubbed by other clubs to whom he wrote for trials.

"Others tried to put me off, but I knew as soon as I saw him he was the kind of player managers dream about but only see once in a lifetime — if they are lucky.

"Forget his performance in the Cup Final. Believe me, this lad has everything ... speed, terrific ball skills, control, the ability to take on defenders — and to do

the unexpected.

"He is also a good trainer and never gave me a moment's worry during his time at The Den.

"In fact, the problems about him were from other people. I realised Gordon was an unpredictable genius who just couldn't be tied down to rigid tactics.

"So I gave him the freedom of the park — and this didn't please the other players. Some used to call him 'Merlin the mad magician' and I had to protect him because he was so vulnerable.

'MOANERS'

"I simply told the moaners that Gordon was exceptional and they would have to get used to him.

"He is so good I'm convinced he can become one of the world's top stars. But it is important Manchester United give him the freedom of the park. He needs to be with players who appreciate and encourage his enterprise and enthusiasm."

Fenton, Millwall boss for nine years until losing the job 19 months ago, also believes United boss Tommy Docherty got "an absolute bargain" when he signed Hill for £70,000 last November.

Says Benny: "That is a laughable figure. If I had still been Millwall boss, Gordon would not have left because I believe he would have taken us into the First Division. "But if I had been forced to put him up for sale I wouldn't have started listening until £150,000 was mentioned — and that would have been just for openers.

"Tommy Doc really hit the jackpot getting Gordon for such a sum ... and I bet all the managers who dillied and dithered over whether the lad was good enough are feeling pretty sick now."

CASHNOTE: We believe Manchester United agreed to add to the original figure as Gordon progressed, say an extra £15,000 when he played 20 League games, and more when he made his international debut. But Gordon is still a bargain whatever the price.



Last link

ALAN MULLERY'S retirement breaks the last link in the Fulham team that won promotion to the First Division in 1959.

It was 17-year-old Alan's debut season in top class football. Among his colleagues in that successful Craven Cottage side were Jimmy Hill, Johnny Haynes and George Cohen.

HULL CITY have had some money burning a hole in the club's pockets since they sold winger Roy Greenwood to Sunderland for £140,000 last season.

They've spent a little of it on George Lyall and Jim McIntosh from Nottingham Forest and David Sunley from Sheffield Wednesday. But they haven't finished. Next targets could be Sheffield United defender Cliff Calvert and Preston striker Mike Elwiss.

Why the sub went missing

ST. JOHNSTONE'S new manager Jim Storrie is an experienced campaigner after spells as a player with Leeds and Aberdeen, but he was left speechless at one of his side's reserve-team games.

Jim may have thought he had seen it all, but he encountered a new problem during half-time in this particular game.

He decided to put on a substitute, but couldn't find the man he wanted! Jim looked everywhere for

the missing sub without success.

Eventually, just before the end of the match, the player appeared and explained his disappearing act.

He was out during the interval selling his car!

The deal had to go through before 9.00 p.m. or the buyer wasn't interested. That was why he skipped out during half-time in the midweek evening match.

I wonder what Jim Storrie said to that!

SOCCER MOVES

Colin Barrett (Man. City to Nottm. For.).
Doug Collins (Burnley to Plymouth).
Mike Docherty (Burnley to Man. City).
Brian Hornsby (Arsenal to Shrewsbury).
John Seaman (Luton to Millwall).
Colin Waldron (Burnley to Man. Utd.).
Alan Wooler (West Ham to Aldershot).

MANAGERIAL CHANGES

Dave Smith (sacked by Mansfield 13/4/76).
Bertie Mee (retired Arsenal 1/5/76).
Harry Petts (sacked by Blackpool 4/5/76).
Allan Brown (resigned from Southport, appointed manager Blackpool 5/5/76).
Bill Taylor (Fulham coach appointed chief coach at Man. City 5/5/76).
Ray Chapman (left Stockport 6/5/76).
Walter Joyce (sacked by Rochdale 6/5/76).
Dave Smith (appointed manager Southend 10/5/76).
Jimmy Adamson (appointed coach to Sparta of Rotterdam 10/5/76).
Ray Hendereson (Everton coach appointed manager Southport 11/5/76).
Bill McGarry (sacked by Wolves 13/5/76).
Malcolm Allison (departed Crystal Palace 19/5/76).

Brendan Bradley (above), the Finns Harps striker who set a League of Ireland scoring record with 29 goals last term, was recently voted "Personality of the Year" by the Soccer Writers' Association of Ireland.

Runner-up for the John Player award was Jim McLaughlin, player-manager of League of Ireland Champions Dundalk.

● Middlesbrough have snapped up 16-year-old Northern Ireland Boys' Clubs star Alex McGarrry. The promising central defender had two trial periods at Ayresome Park before signing apprentice professional.

ALL SCORED

NORTHAMPTON goalkeeper Alan Staring scores from the penalty-spot during their home match with Hartlepool last season.

Alan's successful spot-kick meant the whole Northampton team had scored at least one goal last term.

The luckless Hartlepool 'keeper was former Sheffield United star John Hope.



F.I.F.A. WORLD YOUTH TOURNAMENT

NEXT year the world's young footballers will have their own world-wide competition.

Known as the F.I.F.A. World Youth Tournament for the Coca-Cola Cup, it will be open to national teams of players aged 19 and younger.

The competition will be staged every two years with the first in Tunisia from 27th June-10th July, 1977.

There will be 16 countries involved next year, but future tournaments may be increased to 24.

In Tunisia there will be six countries from Europe; three from South America; two from Central America and the Caribbean; and two each from Africa and Asia. Tunisia, the host nation, automatically qualify.

Harry Cavan (Northern Ireland), President of the World Youth Tournament Committee said: "This is a great opportunity for the youth of the developing countries to play against the teams of the best footballing nations."

The Coca-Cola company intends to support the first-four tournaments — until 1983.

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ASK THE EXPERT

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When writing please mention the two features in this issue that you liked most.

Q.P.R.'s internationals

Can you tell me which players on the present Q.P.R. staff are full internationals?

**RICHARD BURTON,
EAST DULWICH.**

● Apart from skipper Gerry Francis, Richard, five others — Phil Parkes, Dave Clement, Ian Gillard, Dave Thomas, and Stan Bowles — have all played for England while with the club.

And another, Johnny Hollins, did so while at Chelsea.

Don Masson, for Scotland, is Rangers' latest international — while Frank McLintock earlier gained Scottish caps at Leicester and Arsenal.

Rangers' most-capped player, Don Givens of Eire, makes up their ten-strong international family.

Most Finals

I know Aston Villa's seven F.A. Cup successes is a record for wins — but which clubs have played in the most Finals and Semi-Finals?

**C. BOWDEN,
c/o BFPO 41.**

● When it comes to Finals, Newcastle lead the way. They've played in eleven (winning six). Next come West Bromwich (ten Finals; five wins), and Aston Villa (nine Finals; seven wins).

Villa and West Bromwich share the lead at the Semi-Final stage. They've each played in 17 — followed by Blackburn and Everton on 16; and Newcastle and Sheffield Wednesday on 13.

Brothers in boots

Could you tell me if Oxford's Derek Clarke is any relation to Leeds' Allan?

**ROSS BOARDMAN,
HOYLAKES.**

● Yes, they're both members of the five footballing Clarke brothers, Ross.

The others are Frank (Carlisle) and Kelvin (Walsall) — not forgetting young Wayne, who has many keen admirers amongst the big-time clubs while he bangs the goals home in senior schools' football.

Oldest programme

Can you please tell me the oldest Football League programme still in existence?

**PETER WATSON,
IPSWICH.**

● The oldest still around — and, it's believed, possibly the first ever officially published — dates back to 2nd September, 1893, for the First Division game between Preston and Derby, Peter.

But it was very different in appearance from a modern-style programme — just a drab one-page team-sheet listing the names of the players concerned.

63 matches without defeat

I'd like to know, please, what was Celtic's longest-ever unbeaten run.

**JOSEPH McDONALD,
GLASGOW.**

● It happened during World War One, Joseph — when, unlike World War Two, the Scottish League kept going — and The Celts went 63 games without defeat from 13th November, 1915, until 21st April, 1917.

This remarkable run even included two victories on the same day — 15th April, 1916 — when, to help clear up a back-log of fixtures, Celtic agreed to play Raith Rovers in the afternoon, and Motherwell in the evening.

No problem! — they followed-up a 6-0 win by another of 3-1.

Stuart Pearson

What was the date Stuart Pearson joined Manchester United, and how many goals had he scored for Hull?

**GEOFF STOBBS,
GATESHEAD.**

● Pearson arrived, in exchange for £200,000, on 3rd May, 1974, Geoff.

While with Hull, he scored 44 goals in 129 League games.

Football Firsts

When were the Football Association and Football League formed?

**KEITH MATHEWS,
CHELMSFORD.**

● The F.A. in 1863, Keith, and the Football League in 1888 — both first of their kind in the world.

SHORT PASSES

● Middlesbrough's first League game (Div Two) was a 0-3 away defeat by Lincoln on 2nd September, 1899.

(IAN SEWELL, Middlesbrough)

● West Bromwich have won the F.A. Cup five times, and the League Championship once.

(SEAN O'CONNOR, Australia)

● Crystal Palace's four seasons in Division One were from 1969-70 to 1972-73 inclusive.

(TINA O'BRIEN, Co. Cork)

● Martin Peters scored 20 goals in 67 full internationals; he's never played for England while with Norwich.

(MELVIN RIDLEY, Ipswich)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

"FOR this week's column, Kevin, write about the ten best goals scored against Liverpool last season," said the SHOOT/GOAL Editor.

For once I've had to disappoint him. I can think of only nine with an extra-special look about them, goals I couldn't help but admire even though they went into the wrong net.

The reason for this is because we conceded a mere 31 goals in the League, fewer than any other club, and less than a dozen in three Cups, F.A., League and U.E.F.A.

Some of the nine were either match-winners or helped swing results against us, but the fact they were outstanding made the taste of defeat less bitter.

The goal that's hard to stomach is the like of the one that Derby's Roger Davies scrambled in a few minutes from time to knock us out of the F.A. Cup in the Fourth Round at the Baseball Ground. A scrappy sickener.

It was in our opening game of the season, away to Q.P.R., that the first of my nine great goals-against was scored, the result of a superb "one-two" between Gerry Francis and Don Givens about 15 yards inside our half. It caught our defence completely square and Gerry was able to glide through, and drive the ball home past Ray Clemence who came off his line to narrow the angle.

It's the sort of slickly-taken goal rarely scored at the start of the season when players' skills and understanding between each other have yet to get a high polish.



We lost 2-0. The other goal came from a Mick Leach header, and I must admit I felt a bit worried that our bad start might mean we were in for a season of struggle. But, as you know, we put the defeat behind us and went on to win the League and emerge victorious from the U.E.F.A. Cup Final.

It was in the First Round, first-leg of that competition, against Scottish side Hibs at Easter Road that the second of my selections was scored — the only goal of the match, from the power-packed boot of Joe Harper, the ex-Everton player.

With Joe's particular style he seldom figures in building-up attacks, but in the penalty-box he can be deadly, as he was that

'Steve Kindon's goal could have robbed us of the Championship'

keep up with
**KEVIN
KEEGAN**





'Our Phil Thompson equalised a great goal by Barcelona's Rexach'

night.

Their winger, Arthur Duncan, carried the ball down the left, beat our full-back almost on the byeline, and pulled the ball back for Joe to blast into the "rigging" as Scots often call the net.

Our confidence that we could beat Hibs by a higher score in the return-leg at Anfield took a knock when, after John Toshack had opened the scoring, they hit back and equalised with a goal I pick as

between Ipswich's Eric Gates — making his first full League appearance for his club — and Trevor Whymark, in a thrilling 3-3 draw at Anfield on January 10th.

Eric received the ball on the wing, set off on a run, left Phil Thompson for dead with a superb body swerve, and then sent over a cross which caught Ray in two minds, and Trevor headed in at the far post.

The main credit must go to Eric, who showed amazing composure for someone playing in front of our feared Kop for the first time.

Incidentally, the game was also a red letter one for me, as I scored two of our threesome.

Spanish club Barcelona were a big disappointment to me in both

gain a chance of keeping their First Division status, while we needed to draw to take the Championship title.

In the 17th minute, in front of a packed "house", Wolves' Steve Kindon netted the goal that could have gone down in the record books for all-time.

Following one of our attacks, Wolves broke away. John Richards got the ball and, seeing our defence square, pushed it through for Steve to run on to.

Legs pumping like steam hammers, the tall, strong ex-winger sent Ray the wrong way and rifled the ball in.

It wasn't until late in the second-half that yours truly succeeded in equalising Steve's stunner, setting us on to the merited 3-1 win that brought the Cham-

'Goals~against I admired'



"number three". Because "away goals count double" it meant we had to score at least two more goals, with no further reply from Hibs, to get through to the Second Round.

The goal was the result of a long ball knocked down to their Alec Edwards, who lifted his foot almost round the back of his neck to unleash a shot from 20-yards that rocketed past Ray.

However, we soon recovered our composure, clamped down on their attacks, and Tosh hit our two-goal target to complete one of his most vital hat-tricks.

But that Edwards blockbuster gave us a nasty scare.

If the TV cameras had been present at Anfield for our League clash with Norwich in November, number four in my goals-chart would have won the "Goal of the Month" award.

Colin Suggett beat our captain Emlyn Hughes by "nutmegging" him — pushing the ball between his legs and running round him — before bending a shot past another defender, blocking Ray's view, into the net.

The great Pele would have been proud to put his name against it.

Colin's goal was one of the three Norwich scored to deal us the first of two defeats on our home patch this season.

Goal number five was the product of a well-worked move

our U.E.F.A. Semi-Final games with them. Very seldom did they produce the flashes of brilliance I expected from a side filled with so much talent.

One flash, at Anfield in the return-leg, involved Neeskens and Rexach, when Neeskens completely unbalanced our two Phils — Neal and Thompson — to lay on a pass in our box which Rexach lashed home with a tremendous left-footed drive to put Barcelona level on aggregate.

Phil Thompson equalised later and won us our passport to the Final.

A Fluke-Shot?

Three days later, on April 17th, came great goal number seven for the opposition, this time scored by a defender, Stoke's Alan Bloor, in an eight-goal value for money spectacular at Anfield.

A long ball was nodded down by Terry Conroy, for Alan to hit into the opposite side of the goal with a text-book volley. It was the finest goal of a very open game, which we won 5-3.

Goal number eight could have robbed us of the Championship.

We went to Molineux to play Wolves in what was the final game of the season — a game with tremendous significance to us both. Wolves needed to win to

pionship trophy to Anfield for the second time in my career.

Goal number nine happened in the first-leg of our U.E.F.A. Cup Final with Belgian club Bruges, played before the Wolves game, but I've taken it out of sequence because I want to finish my column with my overall impressions of the Final.

In the first-leg at Anfield, Bruges went into a shock two-goal lead, and the second goal, by Julian Cools, still has me shaking my head in disbelief.

Raoul Lambert nodded the ball down and Cools scored with an incredible half-volley from around the edge of the penalty-area.

I'd love to see him do it again to be absolutely convinced it wasn't a fluke-shot.

A great fight-back in the second-half saw us level the two goals and score a third which sent us to Bruges with a one-goal advantage.

It proved enough to enable us to complete another double.

But it was a hard struggle, in that superb new Olympia Stadium.

And what pleasure it gave me to ram in the goal that cancelled out their early penalty.

As Bruges are Belgian Champions, there's a chance we'll be paired in the European Cup next season.

There's nothing more I'd like than to meet again one of the finest teams, from one of the most beautiful cities, on the Continent.

Kevin Keegan

FRANCIS LEE was the laughing cavalier of football. The roly-poly striker who played the game for laughs... and goals.

He was the hero of a multitude of extravaganzas for Bolton Wanderers, Manchester City, Derby County and England.

The kids loved his bubbling approach to the game; dads liked the way Lee used to play as the old time stars did — "let's have a go at the opposition and to heck with the consequences."

His retirement at the age of 32 has taken a little of the sunshine out of soccer. Next season we'll miss barrel-chested Lee.

Remember the way he used to run at defences. Remember, too, the way he would fling himself into crowded defences where, with the boots flying, it hurts most of all.

For 16 years we marvelled at the pugnacity and scoring power of the stocky Lancastrian, smiled at his impudence and simply rocked with laughter at some of his antics.

Many still cherish the memory of the occasion he made a run for goal. After riding the first tackle, he grabbed his ankle in mock agony as another opponent blocked his path to goal.

day he joined Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison at Maine Road in what at that time was a record shattering deal of £60,000 from Bolton, his only other previous club.

Lee had asked for his cards at Wanderers because he felt he was getting nowhere. "The season used to end in early January as soon as we were knocked out of the F.A. Cup," he joked with his City colleagues soon after becoming the last link in a team that was to become one of the most attack-conscious of that era winning the League title with a flourish that was the envy of football.

The season after Lee lost some of

No longer will we thrill to the explosive play of Frannie Lee, who in April decided to end a flamboyant, goal-strewn career with Bolton, Manchester City, Derby — and England. Here, we pay tribute to this great entertainer...



FOOTBALL'S LAUGHING

The defender froze, his face a mask of concern. Suddenly, like a flash of lightning, trickster Lee was past him and a goal was on the way.

Frannie finished on top, a League Championship medal tucked in his pocket in the first of his two seasons with Derby. He had gone there under a cloud of uncertainty after Manchester City had refused to budge on his demands for an increased basic wage.

The fee was £100,000 — a smart deal for City, who had paid £40,000 less than that figure, had still had the best six years of Lee's footballing life. There were many who felt Derby were making a mistake; that it was an ill-judged gamble by Dave Mackay.

Lee proved everyone wrong as he roared back to scoring form helping County to their League title triumph of 1975 and another tilt at the European Cup.

The latter goal was a particularly important target for Lee. He says: "When City won the Championship in 1968 we all thought we would have a good run in the Champions' Cup. But it didn't quite work out like that. We went out in the First Round to Fenerbahce, a bunch of virtually unknown Turks."

"So winning the title at Derby gave me a second bite at the European Cup, although again it did not work out right for me or Derby County as we threw away a three-goal lead against Real Madrid."

Lee's reputation was built the



his edge as City failed to maintain a sustained title defence. But the threads were picked in time for a successful F.A. Cup mission that took Lee to Wembley for the first time as a player.

City beat Leicester 1-0 and in the December of that year, 1969, Lee was back treading that famous turf... this time in an England shirt. He became an instant international, earning representative recognition at the highest level of all and



without preliminary encounters with any of the lesser national sides.

So Lee, once a child of soccer's massive tactical and social revolution when he first entered the game as an orthodox right-winger, finally evolved into a polished striker of international acclaim as well as a highly successful businessman commuting from his renovated olde worlde country cottage on the outskirts of his native Bolton.

In fact Lee the businessman is almost as famous as Lee the professional footballer. "I learnt at an early age that without football you are nothing more than a labourer," Lee once admitted.

Lee started collecting waste paper and his concern mushroomed so much that, by the age of 27, he was a budding tycoon. Says Lee: "Football and business at that time went together. I became so involved in my business that training and playing football became a wonderful release."

It wasn't roses all the way for Lee, however. There was a time when City threatened to drop him and he earned a last minute reprieve, played the game of his life in



BELOW ... The style that has made Francis Lee such a favourite.

RIGHT ... Lee can look back on a satisfying England career. Here, he scores against West Germany at Wembley in 1972.



they proved that by buying Charlie George and Leighton James. It would have been foolish to have hung on when you know your employers can afford the best."

And Francis Lee was undoubtedly the best at one time. It could be a long time before we see his likes again. More's the pity.

Born: Westhoughton, Lancashire, April 29, 1944

First club: Bolton Wanderers joining them straight from school

Goals: 227 in Football League
Best season: 33 goals (including 13 penalties — a League record) in 42 matches for Man. City in season 1971-72

International appearances: 27 for England scoring ten goals. Debut v Bulgaria in 1969. Also played for Football League

Honours: League Championship medals with City (1968) and with Derby (1975); F.A. Cup winners' medal (1969), League Cup winners' medal, European Cup-Winners' Cup winners medal (both 1970) all with City

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front of Sir Alf Ramsey at Newcastle and set course on his electric England career that took him to Mexico for the 1970 World Cup campaign.

City were still winning trophies, too. The League Cup and European Cup-Winners' Cup (both in 1970) came to Maine Road. Then Lee set a goalscoring record for the Blues with 33 goals, including 13 penalties, in 1971-72 when City again just failed to win the title.

Total involvement in football also led him into a stormy courtship with controversy, particularly over penalties where he was accused of being a "diver." He rises to the argument, at the same time spotlighting the style that made him one of the game's most explosive players at the peak of his career.

"Just look at the way I used to approach the game. I would run straight at fellows, trying to commit them into making a mistake. Nobby Stiles once told me of the problem this sets. He said a defender had three alternatives — he can take the ball off you, let you pass or foul you. I was bound to end up on the ground often simply because of the speed at which I was running through."

Today Lee looks at football in retrospect. "If I had no other challenge in life, I'd go on playing until I was 36 or 37," he says adding: "But when you reach the stage when you can't do things quite as well as before, why kid yourself?"

"Derby are a wealthy club —



Francis and his wife, Jean, in a happy mood.

League debut: v Manchester City at Burnden Park, November 5, 1960, at the age of 16½

Transferred: To Manchester City on October 9, 1967, for £60,000 (then a City record) just a week after asking Bolton for move

Transferred: To Derby County for £100,000 on August 14, 1974

Appearances: More than 500 in Football League

Trouble spot: Fined £150 by F.A. in October, 1971, following three bookings. Fined two weeks' wages (about £400) by Derby in November, 1975, for sending-off affair with Norman Hunter of Leeds. A month later was fined £250 by F.A. and suspended for four matches in connection with same incident.

Retired from football: April, 1976.

FAR LEFT ... A young Lee during his Bolton Wanderers' days.

ABOVE ... Scarf raised, Manchester City "fan" Lee after the club's European Cup Winners' Cup victory in 1970.

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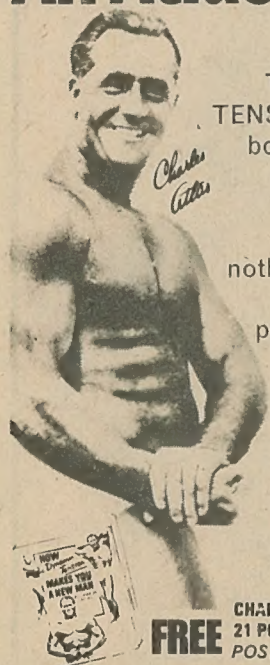


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Defender Willie Maddren pinpoints 'Why Boro missed out on the trophies'

"BLAME black January for our disappointments last season," says Middlesbrough defender Willie Maddren — and it's not hard to see why. Jack Charlton's Boro side were well in line for some major honours as the season swung into the New Year back in January.

Middlesbrough, in early December, had just won their first trophy of the campaign — the Anglo-Scottish Cup. And more honours seemed on the way.

They reached the Semi-Finals of the League Cup; were going well in the League — and drew Third Division Bury at home in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup. You couldn't ask for a better base than that to launch a campaign for success in the last four months of season.

But, incredibly, it all disappeared for Middlesbrough within a few weeks. Maddren explains: "We lost to Bury in the F.A. Cup, after missing so many chances at home that we had to go to a replay. They won 3-2 and that was the start. Then we met Manchester City at home in the first-leg of the League Cup Semi-Finals — and again missed chances.

"We took a one goal lead to Maine Road for the return but it just wasn't enough. They won easily and we were out. And in those few weeks in January, our League chances disappeared with several poor results."

Maddren points a firm finger at the reason for Middlesbrough's failure to land a trophy last term.

"We found it very difficult to score goals all season," he explains. "In 1974-75, when we were new to the First, we used to catch sides out by exploiting space in their defence. We would soak up pressure and then use the speed of lads like David Mills and David Armstrong to get goals in breaks upfield. It worked — and we did well.

"But I think the English First Division is so competitive and so high in standard that the organisation and planning means you can't get away with that two years running. Clubs we met last season countered our strong points and as a result, we weren't so effective.

"We didn't concede that many goals, but we just weren't able to score them. That put more pressure on the defence and one thing led to another.

"It was pretty disappointing for everyone at the club but I feel we are still perhaps only a couple of players short of being a very good side.

'No Target-Man'

"We certainly more than held our own last term and maybe if we get a couple of players into the squad in time for the start of next season, we will be able to challenge for those Cups and titles we missed this time."

Middlesbrough's search for striking power up-front took them to Anfield where Jack Charlton captured Phil Boersma for a £70,000 fee. But things didn't work out too smoothly for Boersma at Ayresome Park immediately and Maddren says: "Phil wasn't finding life easy because he didn't have a target man with him. He'd been used to one at Liverpool like John Toshack but he had to do it on his own for us and his form suffered for a while.

"Then the crowd started getting on to him and he lost some confidence. And after all that, he got an Achilles tendon injury and that made things worse.

"Life wasn't easy for anyone at Ayresome last season and it certainly wasn't a bed of roses for Phil. But despite that, I for one, feel he has a lot to offer and we certainly

haven't seen the best of him yet.

"Our supporters have just got to learn to be patient with any new lads."

Maddren believes that with another 15 goals last season, Boro would have been in at the death in the League title race. And the solid defence which Jack Charlton has built at Ayresome certainly didn't let the side down very often.

Ironically, in a disappointing season for the club, Maddren believes his own form was quite good. "I'm not trying to pass the problems on to other lads or anything like that," he says, "but I feel I played quite well. I was consistent and that's what every player wants to aim for. The fans must have thought so too because they voted me Player of the Year.

"I don't think Middlesbrough's problems are that many. The main thing last term was we created so many chances. If only we could have stuck them away."

Maddren won't entertain the critics who claim Boro are a defensive outfit, full of negative play. "That's really rubbish," he says. "The fact is we get players behind the ball very quickly, a tribute to the lads who work so hard. They all move forward when they get the chance and we certainly throw enough men in attack.

"But we all get back very very quickly — and that's the secret of a tight defence. But a lot of people can't see that and they criticise us."

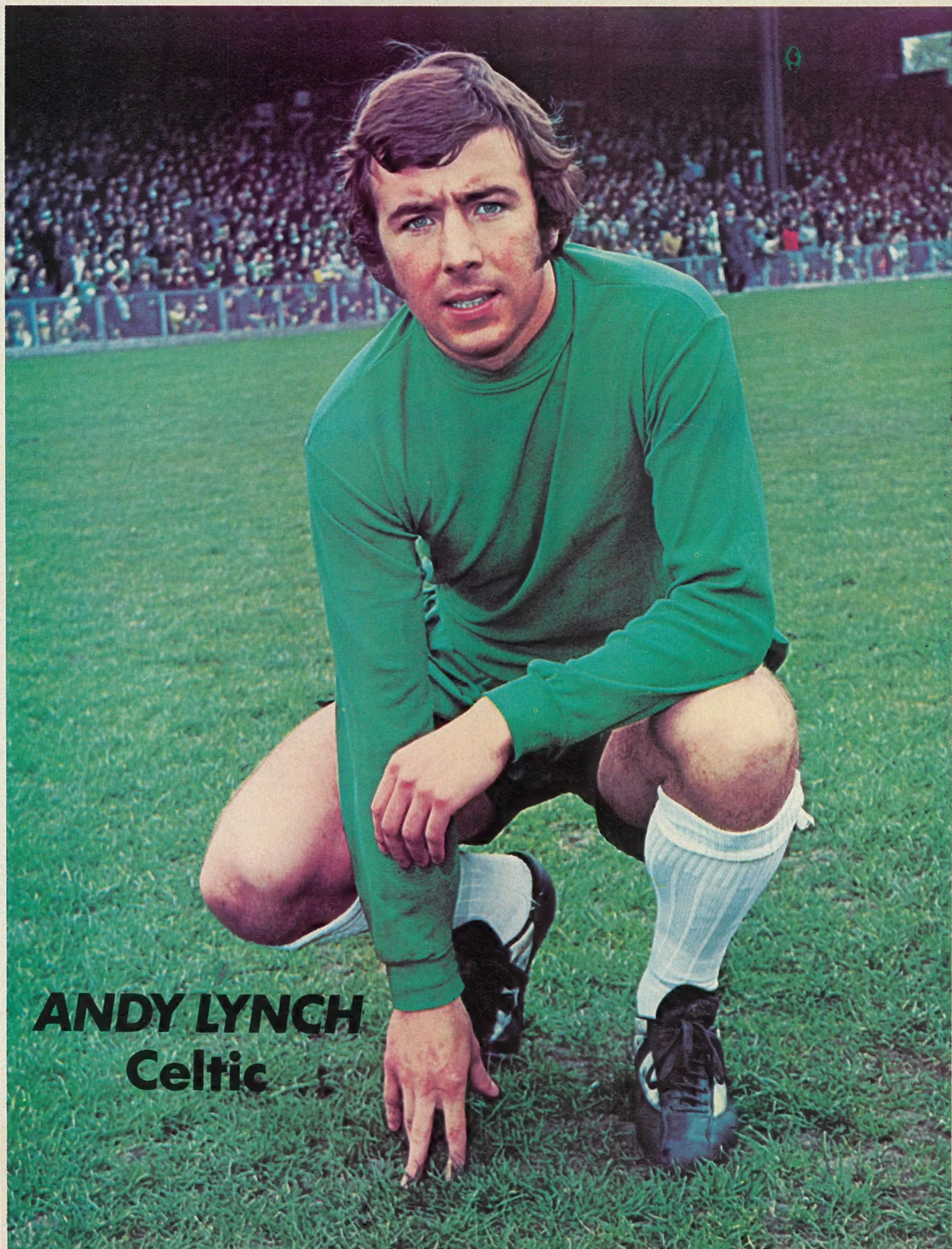
Big Jack Charlton recognised Middlesbrough's shortage of striking power by missing three of his side's last four League games — to go on scouting trips.

So new signings at Ayresome Park by the start of next season could mean danger signals for the rest of the trophy hunters in the First Division next season.



Willie Maddren (above). Boro could only beat Manchester City 1-0 at Ayresome in the first-leg of the League Cup Semi-Finals and were hammered 4-0 in the return (Alan Oakes, below, scores City's second goal).





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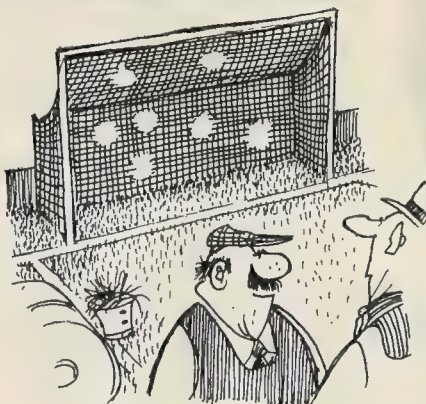
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FOOTBALL

This week Hibs star **JOHN BLACKLEY** selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"Remember — what I expect from a first-class English club like ours is first-class English football — even if you ARE all Scots"



"Our 'keeper DID manage to stop one — with his back"



"I don't know what football's coming to — a rugby tackle indeed"



"Sorry, ref — but I've got pins and needles in the foot"

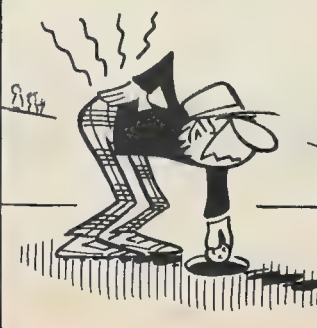


"But ref, every time I head the ball it messes up my hairstyle"

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This week's Star Letter comes from Brett Clarke of Blackburn, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

SECOND-BEST ENGLAND

I AM very surprised by now that people haven't worked out why Scotland's supporters are vastly superior to England's.

The fact is that Scotland's ground, Hampden Park, is in Glasgow, where the main mass of fanatical support is (Celtic and Rangers).

England's home is just outside London and fans in the capital can't be compared with followers in "real" football centres, such as Manchester or Liverpool.

The F.A. can't expect supporters to travel South to cheer England, it's far too expensive.

So while England play at Wembley, their vocal support will always be second-best.

● A good point, but even if Wembley was moved North, Scotland's fans would still be tops. They're really special.

Coincidence

I WONDER how many readers noticed that the teams who finished fourth, fifth and sixth in 1974/75 in Division Two all won promotion the following campaign... Sunderland, Bristol City and West Brom.

This may be a good omen for Bolton, Notts County and Southampton.

JOHN FORSTER,
DENTON BURN.

● Quite a few readers spotted this coincidence, but John's letter was the first received. You'd get good odds for the "same again"!

British is best

AFTER watching the European Cup Final between Bayern Munich and Saint-Etienne, I would like to know who in their right mind would condemn British soccer as not being up to standard.

The way the Finalists played was, in a word: dull. If British clubs played in a similar way, they would be slammed left, right and centre.

Next time fans chant "what a load of rubbish" think how much worse off you could be watching Continental teams.

M. BLADON,
URMSTON.

● I can't agree completely. I thought Saint-Etienne were first-class and their refreshing, attacking style won me over, and many others, I'm sure. They were desperately unfortunate to lose. Bayern played to win — they were lucky. But they won and you can't take it away from them. I admire their record, although not the way they've achieved it.

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Rocky house

IF the England team that played Scotland is something to build on, I'm glad I don't live in a house with such rocky foundations.

DANNY MCCARTHY,
BRENTWOOD.

● I think some new material is needed.

Signed before

IN your feature on the British Championships (15th May) you mentioned that Dave Smallman's performances last year inspired Everton to sign him.

In fact, Smallman joined Everton from Wrexham in March, before the internationals.

SUJATO SOM,
PETERBOROUGH.

● Ooops. A not-so-small error on our behalf.

Crystal Malice!

SO Palace have missed promotion once again and seem in all sorts of trouble.

It is not hard to see the reason why.

They indulged in too many MAL-practices and in consequence became MALadjusted and MAL-droit. Their supporters contracted MALady and became MALcontented.

Finally, the MALice shown towards Millwall was answered by Palace being overtaken by the Mill-wall JAGOnauts!

L. GIBBS,
CATFORD.

● Looks like Big Mal could go abroad. To MALaysia, perhaps, or even MALta or MALawi. Whatever his shortcomings, he is not a MALinger — he'll be back, one way or another.

Leap frog

ALTHOUGH Celtic won nothing last season, acting-manager Sean Fallon must be pleased with the way new players fitted into the set-up.

Youngsters like George McCluskey, Roy Aitken, Tommy Burns, not to mention Johnny Doyle or Icclander "Shuggie" Edvaldsson.

A special word, too, for skipper Kenny Dalglish who has done a

great job taking over from Billy McNeil.

Watch out for Celtic to leap-frog over Rangers next season!

MICHAEL EWING,
GLASGOW.

● If Celtic don't, then I can't see any other club who will.

Don't buy Taylor

AS soon as I heard Crystal Palace were willing to sell Peter Taylor I felt like phoning all First Division clubs to tell them: "Don't do it!"

It seems that when an ex-Southend United player moves to the top flight, his team is relegated.

This happened with Chris Guthrie

(Sheffield Utd.) and Bill Garner (Chelsea).

DAVID WARD,
CANVEY ISLAND.

● Pure coincidences. I rate Taylor a better prospect than any other ex-Southend player I've seen and he could be a sensation to First Division fans next season. And it will have nothing to bear on Southend's fate!

Critics

EVENTS of the past few weeks have left me furious... will England's critics NEVER be satisfied?

Personally, I feel insulted when people suggest England's players and supporters lack national pride.

Even when England win, critics usually say it was because of inferior opposition. In the case of West Germany last year, the game didn't matter because it was "just a friendly". Against the Germans! Come off it!

When England eventually come good, I bet all the football writers will claim "I told you so."

JUDITH PEACOCHE,
OXFORD.

● England are far from perfect. It's easy to criticise any team, but much harder to make it constructive.



Mal's practices... champagne, cigars, pretty girls — and an unhappy ending to the season.

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LEADING PREMIER LEAGUE GOALSCORERS


- 29—Pettigrew (Motherwell), Johnstone (Rangers).
- 28—Dalglish (Celtic).
- 22—Robertson (Ayr United) — 14 with Raith Rovers.
- 19—Graham (Ayr United).
- 18—McAdam (Dundee United) — 5 with Dumbarton.
- 16—Duncan (Hibs).
- 15—Harper all with Hibs and Scott (both Aberdeen), Deans (Celtic).
- 14—Wallace (Dundee), Shaw and Busby (Hearts) with Shaw scoring 8 for Dunfermline.
- 13—Henderson (Rangers), Lennox (Celtic).
- 12—Ingram (Ayr United), Hall (Dundee United).

LEADING FIRST DIVISION GOALSCORERS

- 27—Somner (Partick Thistle).
- 26—Whiteford (Falkirk), Bourke (Dumbarton).
- 24—Bone (Arbroath).
- 23—Joe Craig (Partick Thistle).
- 22—Livingstone (Montrose).
- 20—P. Dickson (Q. of South) including 6 (Albion Rovers).
- 19—Thomas (Hamilton Accies).
- 18—Hood (Clyde) — 1 with Hamilton, Wallace (Dumbarton).
- 17—Reid (Q. of South), Whiteford (Airdrie), Georgeson (Dunfermline) including 12 with Berwick Rangers.
- 16—Barr (Montrose).

LEADING SECOND DIVISION GOALSCORERS

- 26—Lawson (Stirling Albion).
- 22—Cooper (Clydebank).
- 21—McCallan (Clydebank).
- 19—Wight (Stenhousemuir), Wallace (Raith Rovers).
- 18—Morrison (Alloa), McCabe (Stranraer).
- 16—Traynor (Stranraer).
- 15—Murphy (Cowdenbeath).
- 13—Harrow (Cowdenbeath), Larnach (Clydebank).
- 12—Davidson (Meadowbank Thistle).
- 11—Rice (Brechin City), White (Forfar Athletic), McLean (Albion Rovers) — including 2 with Stenhousemuir, McNaughton (Queen's Park), Hunter (Cowdenbeath).



The first-ever Champions of the Premier League in action! Rangers' Johnny Hamilton (right) prepares to tackle Ralph Callaghan of Hearts at Ibrox Park during March.

SUCCESS AND FAILURE



LEFT . . . A shot from Montrose striker Bobby Livingstone beats Clyde goalkeeper Phil Cairney. This effort was wide, but Clyde still conceded too many goals — and were relegated to Division Two.

RIGHT . . . Dougie Somner, top scorer for Partick Thistle, who were promoted to the Premier League.



When Ray could do no wrong...

RAY GODDARD, who began last season as the target of the Millwall boo-boys, finished it the fans' hero as The Lions went roaring back to the Second Division.

No-one played a bigger part in Millwall's spectacular run-in to promotion than 'keeper Goddard, who turned in some super shows to earn the undying gratitude of previously critical supporters.

"I could do no wrong in those vital games at the end of the season. Even if I went down badly to make a save, the ball would bounce to safety off my legs or body," said Goddard modestly.

"It just proves again that when you are doing well as a team you find the breaks going your way."

But luck wasn't with Goddard all through last season. He had to battle through a sticky patch when little went right for him and fans were ready to blame him for blowing Millwall's promotion chances.

The former Orient 'keeper was on a hiding to nothing from the start. For he had the thankless task of taking over from the highly popular Bryan King — transferred to Coventry for £57,000 last summer.

"Bryan is a brilliant 'keeper and was a great favourite with the Den crowd. He set high standards and I knew the crowd would be ready to have a go at me if I did not maintain them," explains Goddard.

'Forever Grateful'

"Naturally, when I failed to live up to their expectations they gave me some stick. But at the time I could not complain, because I had to be honest and admit I was not playing well.

"I realised it was up to me to work at my game and produce the form that would get the fans behind me.

"I eventually managed to do it and will be forever grateful to manager Gordon Jago and his assistant, Theo Foley, for the help they gave me in sorting things out.

"They never stopped encouraging me and Theo used to stay behind after normal training had finished to give me some extra work. And it all paid off when we launched into that amazing run of fifteen unbeaten games to come from nowhere and clinch promotion.

"Even when we began to close the gap on the leaders by stringing some consistent results together there was no pressure on us.

"For we had left ourselves so much to do the task seemed hopeless. As well as keeping up a winning streak ourselves we had to rely on Palace dropping a lot of points.

"As everyone now knows that is precisely what happened — but at the time it seemed as though the odds were stacked against us.



"And even when we had finished our programme and then faced an agonising wait for Palace to play vital games I refused to think about the possibilities of promotion.

"I tried to put the idea right out of my head and reconcile myself to another season in the Third Division.

"For a couple of years ago I was in the Orient side pipped for promotion to the First Division when Aston Villa held us to a draw in the final game of the season.

"I had banked on promotion then and was so shattered when we missed out I vowed never to build my hopes up again."

WHILE YOU are reading this week's column think of me in Tunisia, enjoying a week's holiday in the sun with my wife and kids.

As I've said before, this close-season has been a hectic time for me and the rest of the lads at Leeds, what with testimonials and the club's trip to Norway.

One thing that amazes me about the close-season is the size of my mail — it's as big as ever.

When I got back from Norway I'd found my wife Vicky had sorted through the letters, putting to one side those she thought would be of most interest to SHOOT/GOAL readers.

So with Vicky's help I'll devote this week's column to answering a few of those.

A young lad from Nigeria pleads with me to send him one of my Scotland caps.

"I will be the hero of my village," he says, "people will journey hundreds of miles just to see me and my prize."

Sorry, son, there's no way I'll let one of my caps go.

I've won many honours in the game, but I regard playing for Scotland the greatest of them all.

There is no finer accolade a professional footballer can receive than to be chosen to play for his country. I only regret my international career ended as it did.

Apparently, in remote African villages a letter from England is regarded as a big honour. It's nailed on a notice board and the entire population for miles around come to read it.

I'll make sure a copy of SHOOT/GOAL goes out to that Nigerian reader — by way of compensation.

Still on the subject of caps, Arnold Powell from the Isle of Wight wants to know if I think Denis Law's record number of 54 international appearances for Scotland will ever be beaten.

Yes, I'm sure it will, maybe by Kenny Dalglish. I believe Kenny is only 24 or so and already has 36 caps so you can see he's well on the way. Mind you, it will be a sad day when it happens, I doubt if any player, including Kenny, wants to be the one to take Denis's record away from him.

Denis had a charisma all his own. A world-class star, he was always humble and went out of his way to help kids. A real A.I. guy.

From a Scotland hero of the past to a Scotland star of the present and future.

"Were you surprised when Don Masson made his Scotland debut





in the Home Championships?" asks Peter Goldstone of Newbury Park near Ilford in Essex.

No, Peter. In fact, his international call-up was long overdue.

Don is one of the most gifted midfield men in Britain and played a vital part in the success of Queens Park Rangers last season. He fully justified his selection with splendid performances against Wales, Northern Ireland and England. He also scored against the Irish and in the Championships decider v. England.

Andrew Cullen, who lives in Castlemilk near Glasgow, writes to ask what I think of the new-look Scotland side.

It's a bit too early to say, Andrew, but they did play exceptionally well in the Home Championships and looked an accomplished team.

They've got good balance, with three midfield players in Masson, Archie Gemmill, and Bruce Rioch

who love to attack.

The return of "Big Joe" Jordan up-front has added a lot of power to their forward-line.

My Leeds' team-mate has a great deal more ability on the ground than he's given credit for. He's fast, always willing to run at defenders and try to go past them.

Joe has often been criticised for his lack of finishing, but I still regard him as a first-class target man and vital to Scotland's future.

Take it from me, when Joe's around opposing defenders know they are going to have a hard time in the air and on the deck.

This new Scotland side also

**on the ball with
BILLY
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'THE SCOTLAND RECORD NO ONE WANTS TO BREAK'

Kenny Dalglish (below, arms raised after scoring Scotland's winning goal against England recently) could go on to beat the record of Denis Law (above) which is 54 full caps.



looks strong at the back, particularly Tommy Forsyth of Rangers. Like Joe, he's been criticised in the past, but for being too slow.

I don't know about that, but Tom certainly seems a top class defender now.

Chris Bond, who writes from Sydney, Australia, would like me to emigrate Down Under and join his local side. He also wants to know if I'd like to be Scotland's manager one day.

The Climax

First of all, thanks for the invitation. Much as I'd like to visit your country, Chris, I can't really see me ending my playing days there.

Naturally, I'd jump at the opportunity of managing my country.

As I've already said, playing for Scotland was a tremendous highlight in my life. Taking over as boss would be the climax of my career — like climbing Everest.

Change of subject now. "Do you train throughout the close-season?" asks Mike Sharman from Manchester.

No, Mike. Fortunately I don't put on weight easily so there's no real need for me to exercise.

In the past when players had eight or nine weeks off it was different. Nowadays the summer break is only around four weeks, not long enough to really get out of condition. After a long, hard season and a summer tour I look forward to a complete rest.

Brian Marshall from Stockport wants to know if I go to Elland Road during the close-season, or see any of my team-mates.

It's very rare I visit the ground, Brian, but I do see the lads, especially Allan Clarke, for a drink or game of golf.

Since Jackie Charlton left Leeds I've roomed with Sniffer on away trips and we've become close "muckers".

I get on well with the rest of the players, but Sniffer more than the others.

Gerry Mason, a Leeds fan from Bradford, wishes the club would change their all-white strip to a more colourful one and wants my opinion.

League Exiles

I don't think you can beat all-white, Gerry. In the past it always reminded me of the great Real Madrid. Now it's a trademark of Leeds United as well.

Mind you, don't rule out a change. I understand there's been some discussion about this at the club, although I don't know if any decision has been made.

Finally a letter from a SHOOT/GOAL reader Fred Caven, who lives in Walnut Creek, California, U.S.A. (How did he get the magazine out there?)

Fred, who plays part-time soccer in the States, asks if I would like to join the other Football League exiles in America.

Yes, I would, and not only to play football. I've always wanted to go out to America. To get paid for doing a job I love and have the opportunity of seeing the country would be just great.

If I had a choice I'd plump for your West Coast — places such as San Francisco have always held a fascination for me.

Join me next week when I'll take you on a trip a bit closer to home — behind the scenes at Elland Road.

All the best . . .



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Star performers

PLAYERS WHO SHONE IN THE BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

EACH year several players emerge from the British Championship having turned in outstanding displays.

A new cap will shine, an established international throws off the shackles of a long, arduous League campaign and enhances his reputation.

Scotland produced the find of the tournament, a 29-year-old midfield-man who a little over 18 months ago was languishing in the lower Divisions with unfashionable Notts County. A £100,000 move took him to Queens Park Rangers and suddenly everyone sat up and took notice of a player whose schemings, promptings, and probings are akin to the genius of Johnny Giles.

Don Masson is his name, of course, and his form since joining Rangers has been a revelation.



Undoubtedly, the star of the tournament was Scotland's Don Masson (above). England's Brian Greenhoff (right) emerged as a player with tremendous potential.

Now, at last, Willie Ormond has found a place for the magnificent midfielder in his squad and his blending in with Bruce Rioch, Kenny Dalglish, and Archie Gemmill has helped to produce a Scotland with a really strong look about them.

Another Scot to impress was Leeds front-runner Joe Jordan. Few forwards can match his aerial dominance and it was never more apparent than against England, his direct heading power and subtle flick-ons causing problems galore for the English rearguard.

Joe has added another dimension to his play . . . unselfish running and carrying, a hallmark which has undoubtedly made him the complete striker.

England may have lost the Championship to the men of tartan but in their preceding games — beating Wales and Northern Ireland, 1-0 and 4-0 respectively — Manchester United's Brian Greenhoff, winning his first full caps, emerged as an international with enormous potential.

Slotting in alongside Phil Thompson, the fair-haired defender played cool, controlled soccer, using every ball to good purpose, and showing a vision which belies his years.

He's already been likened to the famed Franz Beckenbauer, a rare compliment indeed, and if he maintains his present rate of progress England could, in fact, have another "Emperor" in the making.

The Welsh disappointed, losing two of their three games, but in young Alan Curtis they have a player who has already attracted several of the top clubs. He's fast, has good close ball-control, and is not frightened of running straight at opponents, taking them on with the confidence of a veteran.

Wales will be proud to boast of Alan's attributes for many years to come, but it's unlikely his club, Swansea City, will have him on their books much longer.

The wooden spoon went to Northern Ireland. They lost all three games, failing to score a single goal in the process.



The green-shirted men didn't really produce an outstanding individual but the occasional flash of the talent produced by Sammy McIlroy, another Manchester United star, is worth savouring.

So, too, the flair of Kevin Keegan, the tenacity of Mick Mills, the industry of Kenny Dalglish, and the non-stop buzzing of Brian Flynn.

The first five mentioned are the players SHOOT/GOAL have selected as shining above all others in the recent tournament.

RESULTS AND SCORERS

Scotland 3 (Pettigrew, Rioch, Gray), N. Ireland 0.

Wales 0, England 1 (Taylor).

N. Ireland 0, Scotland 3 (Gemmill, Masson, Dalglish).

England 4 (Francis, Channon 2, 1 pen, Pearson), N. Ireland 0.

Wales 1 (James), N. Ireland 0.

Scotland 2 (Masson, Dalglish), England 1 (Channon).

SCOTLAND T



Two players who typify the Welsh spirit and determination ... midfielders Brian Flynn (left) and John Mahoney.



Scotland's goal-hero Kenny Dalglish is beaten on this occasion by England defender Phil Thompson.



Scotland striker Joe Jordan puts pressure on the Northern Ireland defence.

THE CHAMPIONS

SALUTE Scotland! Willie Ormond's men won the British Championship . . . here is action from the decisive game against England and some of the other matches.



David McGreery
Scotland's forward
who captained the
1974 British Championship
England.



Men from
Manchester in
international action
David McGreery
of Scotland and
Matthew Ireland
with Alan Curtis
of City and
England.



Swansea's Alan Curtis
showed promising form
for Wales. Here, he beats
England's Brian Greenhoff.



ABOVE ... First Division — Derby County: 75 goals. Here, Bruce Rioch (left) scores against Manchester City at Maine Road.



ABOVE, RIGHT ... Second Division — Sunderland: 67. Mel Holden slots this one home from close range with the Charlton defence all at sea.

RIGHT ... Scottish Premier League — Celtic: 71. Dixie Deans scores their first goal of 1976, against Dundee.

BELOW ... Third Division — Hereford United: 86. Roy Carter (second left) celebrates a goal against Shrewsbury.

BOTTOM ... Fourth Division — Lincoln City: 111. Goal Kings of Britain! Percy Freeman (number four) scores City's first goal in their 2-0 win over Stockport.

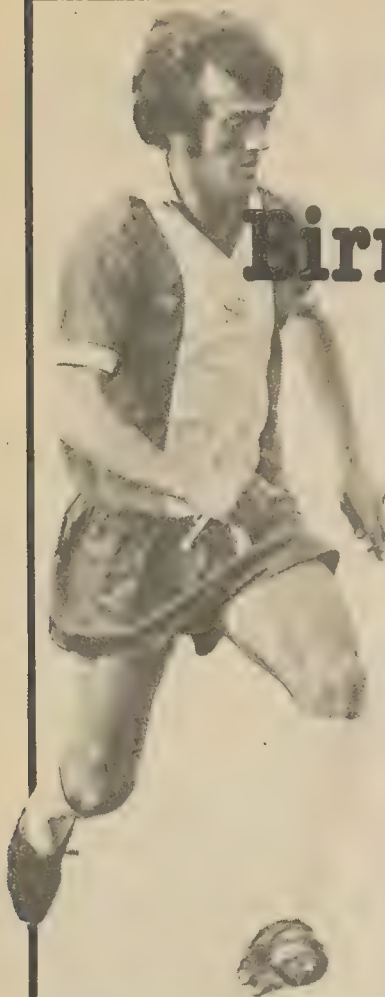


A look at the clubs who topped their respective goal-charts in the four English Divisions and the Scottish Premier League last season



TOP SCORERS!





Good news for Birmingham fans — from Terry Hibbitt

BIRMINGHAM City's Terry Hibbitt is convinced the club has yet to see the best of him.

Hibbitt, whose swashbuckling style and non-stop displays twice earned him Player of the Year awards with his former club, Newcastle United, feels he can reproduce that form in the future.

Terry says: "I can remember, it took me nine months to settle in at Newcastle and it seems to have

taken just as long with Birmingham.

"Soon after my transfer from Newcastle, I was travelling backwards and forwards between Birmingham and Tyneside to visit my wife and two children, while our house was being sold.

"Now we are all living in the Midlands, and being with my family again has helped my performances on the field. Early in April I got a goal in our 'derby' against Aston Villa and I regard the boost it gave me as the sign that I have something to contribute to Birmingham."

The fight to recapture peak form is not a new experience for Hibbitt. When with Newcastle, a knee injury meant a cartilage operation and 17 weeks out of the game for him, during which time United signed Tommy Craig from Sheffield Wednesday as Terry's replacement.

The red-haired Craig showed sensational form in midfield, and though Hibbitt returned to the side, Newcastle manager, Gordon Lee, decided to transfer him.

For the St James' Park fans who had voted Hibbitt Player of the Year, the move was not a popular one and for months after his transfer Terry received letters from North-East supporters who admired his previous whole-hearted service to the club.

In fact, the dedication of the little midfielder man to the game has earned him too many bookings in the past. He has vowed to control his tongue, but that's not easy for a man of Hibbitt's disposition.

It is his total commitment to football that has often caused him

to protest in genuine anger at what he considers a harsh ruling.

"Now, I just want to justify myself at Birmingham, where I found a difference in styles when I first arrived. At Newcastle, I had operated on the left side of the field and was expected to carry the ball. My job was to lay on the passes for our front-runners.

"At St Andrews, my role is basically the same, but there is a change in the way passes are delivered. Trevor Francis and Bob Hatton like the ball placed directly to their feet whereas Malcolm MacDonald had preferred a pass he could run on to.

"Most players have to make adjustments when transferred to a new club, and that was what I was trying to do all last season.

"Birmingham are a club with the potential and the support to go places and I have an ambition to play my part.

"I have years of useful service left in me and the pace to hold my own for a long time to come and not necessarily in midfield.

"Following my cartilage operation at Newcastle, I was moved into the back-four for a spell and felt quite at home.

"So when the time comes for me to conserve my energy I believe I could fill the bill adequately as a sweeper. In this position it's possible for a player to save his legs by reading the game correctly."

But it seems certain Terry's energy and creative ability will keep him functioning as a midfielder in the foreseeable future.

Go for the Double

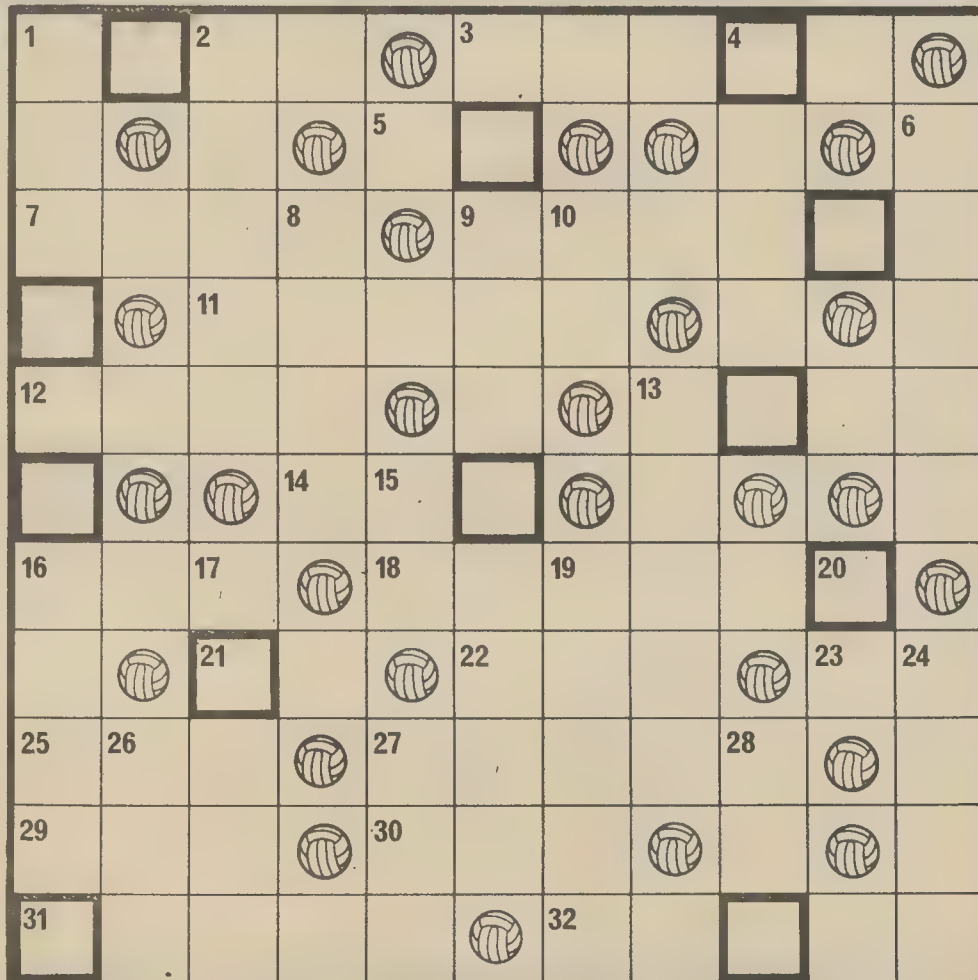
After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Ipswich Town striker. Answers on page 38.

ACROSS:-

- (1) The act of spinning a coin to decide ends.
- (3) Matt —, former boss of Manchester United.
- (5) Vic--ria Ground, home of Stoke.
- (7) Wander; all over the pitch, perhaps.
- (9) George —, Ipswich Town full-back.
- (11) Arms or legs.
- (12) Loud shout; as to spur on the team.
- (13) Steve --arg-a-t of Everton.
- (14) Alan S--u-h of Fulham.
- (16) Alan Sunderl--- of Wolves.
- (18) "The —", Bristol City's nickname.
- (21) T-m --orsyth of Rangers and Scotland.
- (22) Ken B---s of Birmingham City.
- (23) Joe C--rigan, Manchester City 'keeper.
- (25) --er Road, Colchester United's ground.
- (27) Drink container from East Stirling.
- (29) A bird from the nickname of Sheffield Wed.
- (30) Willie M---ren of Middlesbrough.
- (31) Stagers; as from a hard blow.
- (32) Opponents must be ten — from the ball during the taking of a free-kick.

DOWN:-

- (1) Spurs defender. (5 & 6)
- (2) Not very large.
- (3) Wolves striker. (5 & 5)
- (4) Irregular swelling; as on a faulty ball.
- (6) Mike —, Everton defender.
- (8) Field —, Mansfield Town's ground.
- (10) Selh-r-t Park, home of Crystal Palace.
- (13) Guards for them were introduced and registered by Sam Weller in 1874.
- (15) Joe J--dan of Leeds United.
- (17) Mike —, Manchester City skipper.
- (19) Liam —, Arsenal midfield youngster.
- (20) --uthampton, F.A. Cup holders.
- (24) Ian —, Aston Villa defender.
- (26) Me-do-Lane, Notts County ground.
- (27) --rah-m Mo-eley, Derby County 'keeper.
- (28) Title awarded to 3 Across.



In our 1976 F.A. Cup Final issue, we asked 20 top-level personalities to name the **WEMBLEY WINNERS**. Eighteen went for Manchester United . . . only two named Southampton.

It wasn't the first time most of the experts have been wrong. And it won't be the last. Now, we look back at some other big soccer shocks . . . to other days when fans all over Great Britain said as they heard the result: "I just can't believe it."

MIGHTY UNITED FALL TO GIANT-KILLERS FROM THE 'THIRD'

F.A. CUP THIRD ROUND
NORWICH CITY 3, MANCHESTER UNITED 0
(January 10, 1959)

MATT Busby turned up his collar against the biting East Anglian wind and stared beyond the sight of wildly excited fans dancing, slipping and sliding across the icy pitch.

Downstairs, beneath the Carrow Road stand, 11 Norwich City players laughed, cried, wallowed in the team-bath, and swigged champagne.

So ended the day when Manchester United, the cream of the First Division, suffered defeat and humiliation at the hands of a little Norfolk club who were then 16th in the Third Division.

Norwich City's 3-0 thrashing of United belongs among the giant-killings of all time.

United had reached Wembley in the two previous years, and mention of players such as Albert Quixall, Bobby Charlton, Dennis Viollet and Harry Gregg should have been enough to frighten Norwich into respectable submission.

The 38,000 spectators who packed Carrow Road that icy day, however, were not to know they would become part of an unforgett-

able chapter in the history of the F.A. Cup.

From the kick-off, Norwich responded to fanatical support by pounding Gregg's goal.

United wobbled and slithered around in panic as 23-year-old Terry Bly wrote his name on the roll of football immortality with killer-goals in the 32nd and 88th minutes. Between them, Bly laid on a 61st minute headed goal for Errol Cross-

man. Manchester's attractive short-passing game fell apart on a slippery pitch, as Busby conceded to Norwich manager, Archie Macaulay afterwards.

He said: "You beat us by playing football. Norwich played the correct game, whereas we did not change our tactics to suit the conditions."

NORWICH CITY: Nethercott; Thurlow, Ashman, McCrohan, Butler, Crowe, Crossan, Allcock, Bly, Hill, Brennan.

MANCHESTER UNITED: Gregg; Foulkes, Carolan, Goodwin, Cope, McGuinness, Bradley, Quixall, Viollet, Charlton, Scanlon.

The result that couldn't happen

GLASGOW GIANTS CRASH — IN THE 'SENSATION OF THE CENTURY'

SCOTTISH F.A. CUP — FIRST ROUND
BERWICK RANGERS 1, RANGERS 0
(January 28, 1967)

JOCK Wallace is the idol of Rangers fans the world over. The straight-talking, tough-line Scot has shaken the cobwebs away from Ibrox Park, and led the famous club to a League, Scottish Cup and League Cup treble this year . . . and out of the dominating shadow of old city rivals, Celtic.

Yet, on that historic Saturday in 1967, the same Jock Wallace master-minded and played in the game that Rangers' fans still struggle to forget . . . the day tiny Second Division strugglers Berwick Rangers toppled the Glasgow giants in what Scottish newspapers described as "The football sensation of the Century".

Wallace was manager and goalkeeper of the only Scottish League club situated on the English side of Hadrian's Wall. For Berwick, the First Round draw created the biggest day in the club's then 86-year-old history. For Rangers, the match seemed a formality.

The record crowd of 13,365 spectators, however, saw a classical giant-killing.

Rangers did most of the attacking but were frustrated by Wallace and his overworked defenders. Then Sammy Reid shocked Rangers with a 32nd-minute goal, and although the Glasgow side dominated the second-half, Berwick held out for the biggest shock in Scottish Cup history.

It's doubtful if continued success with Rangers will ever give Jock Wallace greater satisfaction than the day Berwick buried the so-called Ibrox invincibles.

BERWICK: Wallace; Haig, Riddell, Craig, Coutts, Kilgannon, Lumsden, Reid, Christie, Dowds, Ainslie.

RANGERS: Martin; Johansen, Provan, Greig, McKinnon, D. Smith, Henderson, A. Smith, McLean, Forrest, Johnston.



Jock Wallace kept goal for Berwick Rangers when they sensationally humbled their mighty counterparts from Glasgow, the other Rangers!



WHEN THE ROBINS SPIKED THE GUNNERS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP FINAL — 1969
ARSENAL 1, SWINDON TOWN 3
(March 15, 1969)

WEMBLEY has seen many great climaxes to many marvellous matches, but few can compare with Third Division Swindon Town's incredible, 3-1 extra-time triumph over First Division aristocrats,

Arsenal.

Nobody gave the Wiltshire side a chance against an Arsenal team hell-bent on making amends for losing the previous season's League Cup Final to Leeds United.

BUT DID!

NEWCASTLE K.O'D BY GALLANT NON-LEAGUERS

F.A. CUP THIRD ROUND REPLAY

HEREFORD UNITED 2, NEWCASTLE UNITED 1
(February 5, 1972)

"THIS game proves beyond doubt that Hereford should be in the Football League. They were bonny fighters and deserved the result."

Those words were spoken by Newcastle Chairman Lord Westwood following one of the great Cup giant-killings of the decade. Four years later, Hereford celebrated their status as Third Division Champions!

The former Southern League club's meteoric rise since their admission to the League four months after this dramatic game, in 1972, has much to do with their organisation, efficiency and backing.

But the day Hereford knocked out mighty six times F.A. Cup winners Newcastle was really the day a new League club was born.

The headlines screamed 'Giant-Killers' when Hereford held United to a 2-2 draw in their first meeting at St. James' Park. But those same sports pages did not predict anything other than a Newcastle triumph in the replay.

Not since Yeovil Town beat Sun-

derland 2-1 back in 1949 had a non-League side beaten a First Division team in the F.A. Cup.

Hereford did more than that. They came from behind to force extra-time, then marched on to meet West Ham in Round Five!

Malcolm Macdonald appeared to have settled Tyneside's fears with a morale-shattering 82nd minute goal that silenced the 15,000 Edgar Street crowd.

But Ron Radford rifled a spectacular equaliser from 35 yards four minutes from time, and as Newcastle wavered, substitute Ricky George scored the winner in the 103rd minute. A milestone to be remembered!

HEREFORD: Potter; Griffiths, Malender, Jones, McLaughlin, Addison, Gough, Tyler, Meadows, Owen, Radford.

Substitute: George (for Meadows).

NEWCASTLE: McFaul; Craig, Clark, Nattrass, Burton, Howard, Barrowclough, Green, Macdonald, Tudor, Hibbitt.



A delighted Bobby Kerr holds the F.A. Cup aloft. The then Second Division Sunderland have just overturned the odds by beating favourites Leeds United.

LEEDS IGNORED THE OMENS — AND LOST!

F.A. CUP FINAL — 1973

LEEDS UNITED 0, SUNDERLAND 1
(May 5, 1973)

DON Revie is renowned for his superstitious nature. So it is incredible that the Leeds United manager did not take heed of the astonishing number of warnings flashed before this match.

Revie should have noted that no Georgie team had lost at Wembley; that Sunderland won the Cup in 1937, and the inversion of the last two figures was 1973; that Sunderland's 1937 Final was the first Final ever televised; that no team wearing stripes had lost a Final in 35 years.

Second Division Sunderland's victory became more legend than history. Ian Porterfield's 31st minute goal — scored with his "wrong" right foot — Jim Montgomery's incredible second-half save, Leeds' staleness and predictability on the big day. All are recorded for posterity.

The clash of the Second Division

club, haunted by former glories, and the First Division giants, packed with international stars, captured the nation's imagination. All but the Yorkshire committed were rooting for Sunderland.

But Revie ignored the omens.

Most of all he should have remembered that Sunderland manager Bob Stokoe marked him out of the 1955 Cup Final when Newcastle beat Manchester City 3-1!

He didn't... but Sunderland did.

LEEDS: Harvey; Reaney, Madeley, Hunter, Cherry, Bremner, Gilles, Gray, Lorimer, Jones, Clarke. Substitute: Yorath (for Gray).

SUNDERLAND: Montgomery; Malone, Watson, Pitt, Guthrie, Horswill, Kerr, Porterfield, Hughes, Halom, Tueart.



It's the goal that put then non-League Hereford United on the map. Ricky George (out of picture) is the scorer. The victims... First Division Newcastle United.

And when Bobby Gould cancelled Swindon's shock lead with an 86th minute equaliser, the experts sat back expecting Swindon to collapse in extra-time.

Instead, they tore Arsenal to shreds.

Such fairy-tale clashes inevitably produce heroes. Don Rogers and Peter Downsbrough were Swindon's.

Goalkeeper Downsbrough defied Arsenal with a string of superb saves during normal time. And when a defensive blunder by Ian Ure let in Roger Smart for a scrambled 35th minute goal, the

football world held its breath.

Gould's headed equaliser should have been a psychological killer. Yet Swindon, for that one incredible afternoon, were not to be denied.

Rogers, their coveted star winger, completed a story-book ending with goals in the 104th (pictured, left) and 118th minutes.

ARSENAL: Wilson; Storey, McNab, McLintock, Ure, Simpson, Radford, Samuels, Court, Gould, Armstrong. Substitute: Graham (for Simpson).

SWINDON: Downsbrough; Thomas, Trollope, Butler, Burrows, Harland, Heath, Smart, Smith, Noble, Rogers. Substitute: Penman (for Smith).

Michels return not popular

THE return of ex-Ajax manager Rinus Michels to Barcelona a year after he was sacked by the club isn't proving a popular move among their fans.

Everyone realises Michels has been appointed at Johan Cruyff's request and the supporters aren't happy that the club should pay £75,000 a year to a foreigner who will merely do what Cruyff advises.

Fans argue the best move would have been to appoint Cruyff as player/manager. Three Barcelona players certainly have reservations about the return of Michels.

They are Rexach, Marcial and Miguell, who all had disagreements with him during 1974/75.

So once again, Barcelona — whose

power and following in Spain cannot be underestimated — have a Dutch manager, with their two star players, Cruyff and Neeskens, also coming from Holland.

● Michels' successor at Ajax is Tomislav Ivic (44), the Hajduk Split manager. The Yugoslav has signed a two-year contract with the Amsterdammers.

IN MAY, 1949, a plane carrying Torino players crashed in mountains near Turin, killing all the passengers.

A memorial service was held in the mountains the other week and 15,000 Italians turned up to pay their respects.

OF THE 306 Spanish First Division games played in 1975/76, 200 were home wins, 71 were draws and 35 away victories.

A total of 763 goals were scored, at an average of 2.5 per match. Top scorer was 21-goal Quini of relegated Sporting Gijon; seven of the top 12 goalscorers were foreign players.

WEST Germany has been hit by hooligan-trouble in recent weeks. After 1FC Cologne were surprisingly beaten 1-0 at Bochum, 350 Cologne fans who were waiting to return home rushed on to a D-train, on its way to East Germany.

The thugs started fires in the compartments and almost killed a blind man.

GIUSEPPE Savoldi, Napoli's £1½ million striker hasn't exactly repaid the huge transfer fee paid to Bologna.

Savoldi has never really got going and has scored eight goals plus four penalties this season.

Napoli have let it be known that they will listen to offers and Bologna fans are hoping the club will buy Savoldi back.

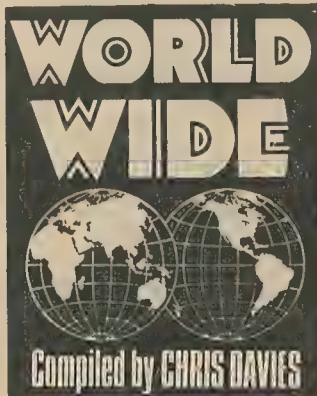
Juventus may step in with a bid: Anastasi, two other players and a sizeable cheque.

WATERGATE?

GEORG Knobel, Holland's team-manager, is rarely seen in public these days without a portable tape recorder... especially at Press conferences.

He is tired of being mis-quoted and whenever a reporter asks him a question, he switches on the machine.

This way, he can keep a full record of what he says — and can check up on any suspect quotes in newspapers.



HUMBLE PIE FOR GORSKI?

WITH FOUR games to go, GKS Tychy led the Polish League by one point from Ruch Chorzow, with Stal Mielec a further point adrift.

On the international front, manager Kazimierz Gorski may have to eat humble pie.

He dropped a lot of established stars, including captain Kazimierz Deyna, but the youngsters have had some poor results.

With the Olympic Games approaching (see story this page) Gorski will probably turn to his "old faithfuls" again.

OLYMPIC GOLD TO GO EAST AGAIN

WHILE most of the attention of the forthcoming Olympic Games in Canada will be focused on the athletes, the soccer tournament also promises to be very interesting.

Among the 16 Finalists are 1972 Gold Medal winners Poland, who went on to make such an impact in the World Cup Finals two years later.

The 16 Finalists are:
EUROPE... Poland, U.S.S.R., East Germany, Spain, France.
SOUTH AMERICA... Brazil, Uruguay
AFRICA... Ghana, Zambia, Nigeria
ASIA... Iran, North Korea, Israel
CONCACAF... Canada, Mexico, Guatemala.

All players recognised as amateurs may take part, even if they have played in the World Cup.

As there is no professionalism in most Eastern European countries, teams such as Poland will be fielding what amounts to their full international side.

The Olympic soccer competition is run on the lines of the World Cup. There will be four groups of four and the winners and the runners-up of each go through to the Quarter-Finals.

At that stage, the tournament becomes a knockout competition.

Lots will be drawn to select a player from each team for a dope test — from the Quarter-Finals, two players per team will be selected.

It is likely that one of the Eastern European countries will carry off the



Poland after their victory over Hungary in the 1972 Olympic Final in Munich. Two years later the Poles were a force in the World Cup Finals.

Gold medal again.

In fact, you have to go back to 1948, when Sweden triumphed, to find a team from the West who won.

Since then, Hungary (three times), U.S.S.R., Yugoslavia and Poland have collected the honours.

● The Polish Olympic soccer squad meet up on June 13th in a training camp in Zakopane. "Sparring" games will be played against club sides, plus a match against Brazil on June 30th, before the players set off for Canada.

World Cup Countdown

FINLAND v. ENGLAND, JUNE 13th

WHILE Finland go into their match against England with confidence, most fans agree that a draw will please them.

The general impression seems to be that the gulf between professionals and amateurs is too wide, although the Finns have shown recently they can match the "best" in many respects.

Finland are happy that England's performances this year haven't really been top quality and, they hope, Don Revie's men may just be a little nervous.

England's players are well-known to Finnish fans thanks to television and Kevin Keegan, Mike Channon and Stuart Pearson have made a big impression.

The game will kick-off at 7.30 pm in the Helsinki Olympic Stadium. There are still some tickets to be sold, but around 20,000 spectators are expected.

The pitch is perfect and the temperature will be in the 60s.

● There will be special features on the Big Game next week, including an interview with a Finland star.

AS WE'VE mentioned before, we don't go along with members of the Press who are pessimistic about Argentina's ability to stage the World Cup Finals in 1978.

But a recent headline in a Spanish paper really takes the pessimistic biscuit.

It read: "1986 WORLD CUP IN DANGER DUE TO LACK OF PREPARATION IN COLOMBIA."

Dancers plus Pele

CHEER-LEADERS... publicity stunts... big-money personalities... the name of the game in America is promotion with a capital P-R-O.

The latest gimmick comes from the New York Cosmos, who have moved into the luxurious new Yankee Stadium.

They've substituted the run-of-the-mill school bands at half-time with a glamorous, high-kicking 18-girl troupe of dancers called The Grasshoppers.

All this, and Pele, too!

IN SPAIN, it's the club president who has the last word when it comes to sacking managers — and some presidents are hard to please. Atletico Madrid chief Vicente Calderon, for example, has sacked ten managers in 12 years as president.

Eicho Jose Martinez Valero has dismissed the same number in a year less.

Top of the "sacking averages" is Granada president Gomez Alvarez, who's sacked a manager every year since 1968!

MORE than 20 people were killed after a Turkish Second Division game between Kirikkales and Mersin Idmanyurdu.

Kirikkales' fans were so angry at the home team's dismal performance they set fire to the stadium and the club's offices...

Dutch ref in dispute

THE DUTCH F.A. are furious that referee van der Kroft has been removed from the Olympic soccer tournament officials' list by F.I.F.A.

It appears that van der Kroft is a "victim" of the West German Press, who slammed him after two Borussia Mönchengladbach goals were disallowed in a European Cup-tie against Real Madrid.

Borussia lost the tie on "away goals" and van der Kroft has since admitted that in one instance he was, perhaps, wrong. The German club appealed to U.E.F.A. about the handling of the game, but the authorities backed van der Kroft.

Now, F.I.F.A. have dropped the Dutchman from the Olympics, with no explanation.



● van der Kroft speaks to reporters after the controversial game in Madrid.

NEWS FLASHES

Salamanca player Perez has been heavily fined by his club for beating up a Spanish journalist after a recent training session.

Brazilian club Cruzeiro look well set for a place in the Final of the Copa Libertadores after their 4-0 win over Alianza Lima.

Tragedy struck after the game when their Brazilian international striker Roberto Batata was killed in a car crash.

Brazil manager Oswaldo Brandao is determined that his squad will be well-prepared to take on Europe's top teams in the Argentina World Cup.

After "spying" on our British Championship, Brandao announced that if Brazil qualify from the Group — which includes Colombia and Paraguay — they'll embark on a eight-match tour of Europe to gain experience of the different style of play.

SC Merksam, relegated to the Belgian Third Division, have put all their players on the transfer list.

Results of some recent friendly games:
U.S.S.R. 0, Argentina 1; Poland 1, Argentina 2; Bulgaria 0, U.S.S.R. 3;
Luxembourg 0, France "B" 2; Hungary 2, Argentina 0; France 2, Czechoslovakia 2; Argentina 4, Uruguay 1.

An Austrian amateur goalkeeper has been jailed for nine months because he "caused bodily harm to an opponent" during a game. The keeper apparently kicked an opponent, who could not walk for a month afterwards. The goalie was also fined £400 damages.



Bayer Uerdingen have been relegated from the West German Bundesliga, but it did not stop them paying £100,000 to Rot-Weiss Essen for striker Burgsmüller.

The player, in fact, was originally with Bayer and is happy to be back.

He did not get his signing-on fee in cash. Instead, he was given ... a sports shop in Uerdingen!

Giorgio Chinaglia (29) has now signed for the New York Cosmos after leaving Lazio of Rome. I'm told the three-year contract is worth £450,000 to him.

Italian Champions Torino didn't quite manage to keep their 100 per cent home record. They ended with 29 points from 15 games after drawing their last match against Cesena.

Real Madrid star Paul Breitner recently appeared in an unusual role when he played Manuel Santana in an exhibition tennis match during the Madrid Championships.

One of the critics was rather harsh on the German's performance and remarked "he found the net more times on the tennis court than he does on the football field ..."

Peru are taking their World Cup preparations very seriously, and are already limbering up for qualifying ties against Chile and Ecuador.

The Peruvians' biggest problem is that their top stars are playing in other countries and they're negotiating the release of Hugo Sotil (from Spain), Hector Chumpitaz and Oswaldo (Mexico), Percy Rojas (Argentina) and Teofilo Cubillas (Portugal).

Nasty suspicions were raised after Feyenoord beat Den Haag 8-1 — in The Hague, too.

Den Haag boss Boskov and captain Mansfield are joining ... Feyenoord next season.

The Uruguayan F.A. have despatched one of their senior members, Dr. Jose Laffitte to Europe with a brief to find a new national team-manager for the 1978 World Cup Finals.

First choice, apparently, is Jose Santamaria, now manager of Espanol of Barcelona.

Second on the list ... Sir Alf Ramsey.

It seems likely that the People's Republic of China — the world's most populous nation — will at last be readmitted to F.I.F.A.

Hamzah Abu Samah, the F.I.F.A. representative of the Asian Football Federation, told a Press conference in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) that unless China were allowed back, a string of Asian countries would resign from F.I.F.A.

Reipas of Lahti won the Finnish Cup for the fourth time in succession when they beat HJK 6-2 ... after extra-time!

Above is the first goal scored by Reipas, direct from a corner, which has been chosen as one of Finland's Golden Goals.

Zaire, the popular underdogs of the 1974 World Cup Finals, have been readmitted to the 1978 World Cup by F.I.F.A. just in time to start their qualifying games.

Previously, they'd been disqualified for not paying their entrance fee.

Zaire claimed they HAD paid, and when the matter was investigated, it was discovered the Zaire F.A. had sent the money to the wrong address!

INTERNATIONAL STAR SPORT

REMEMBER EMMANUEL SANON? He was the Haiti star hailed as a World Cup hero in 1974 when he became the first man to score against mighty Italy in 13 internationals. After the World Cup Finals, Sanon joined Belgian club Beerschot, and here he talks about his "new life".



'TRAINING IS HARDER IN BELGIUM'

SHOOT/GOAL: You had quite a few problems during your first season in Europe. Are things better now?

SANON: Yes, I was very homesick initially. But perhaps the biggest problem was the weather. In Haiti we had sunny days with hardly any rain. In Belgium it is the opposite. Food also took some getting used to. But I have settled-in now.

SHOOT/GOAL: It must be a big upheaval to leave a place like Haiti for Northern Europe.

SANON: My wife, Suze, and I — not forgetting Emmanuel junior — have a nice flat, whereas in Haiti we lived in a small village where everybody knew each other. It is different in Belgium. But we have made a lot of friends recently.

SHOOT/GOAL: Do you still keep in touch with your friends back home?

SANON: Oh yes. The name of Beerschot is very well-known in Port-au-Prince since I came here. I send my family a weekly Belgian sports paper and they send me one from Haiti.

SHOOT/GOAL: We haven't heard much of Haiti since they reached the 1974 World Cup Finals.

SANON: Professionalism is on the increase with players from Brazil and Argentina being brought in. I haven't played since '74. I have been released. I preferred to help Beerschot in the Belgian League. But I'm going home for a holiday in

July, which I'm looking forward to very much.

SHOOT/GOAL: What are the main differences between soccer in Haiti and Belgium?

SANON: Training is much harder here for a start. The physical side is very demanding, although I am much fitter now. I haven't found too many hang-ups on the playing side, though.

SHOOT/GOAL: So you will stay until the end of your contract, 1977?

SANON: Definitely. I'm enjoying my football and life in general.

SHOOT/GOAL: How did Beerschot fare last season?

SANON: Roughly the same as the season before, when we finished fifth and missed European football by one point. We've had more than our share of injuries in the past nine months otherwise I feel we would have definitely qualified for next season's U.E.F.A. Cup competition.

SHOOT/GOAL: You are famous for scoring that unforgettable goal against Italy ... but we noticed you were moved into defence not long ago.

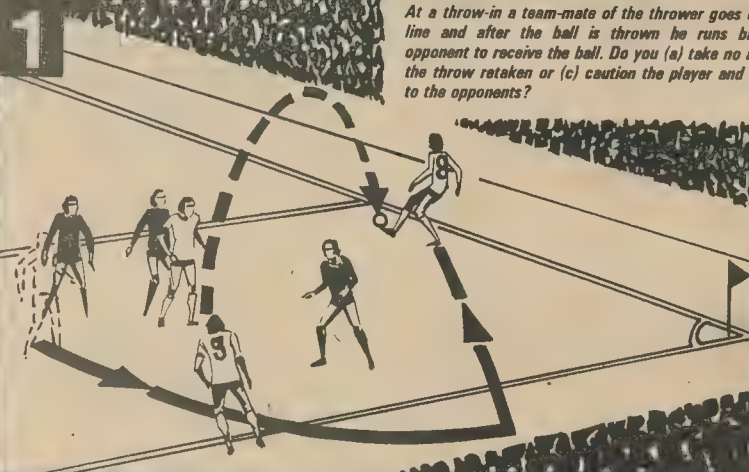
SANON: That's right. Our manager, Rik Coppens, wanted to toughen me up a little so he put me in the back-four for a spell. I've reverted to the attack now and won the Goal of the Month award for February, which pleased me.



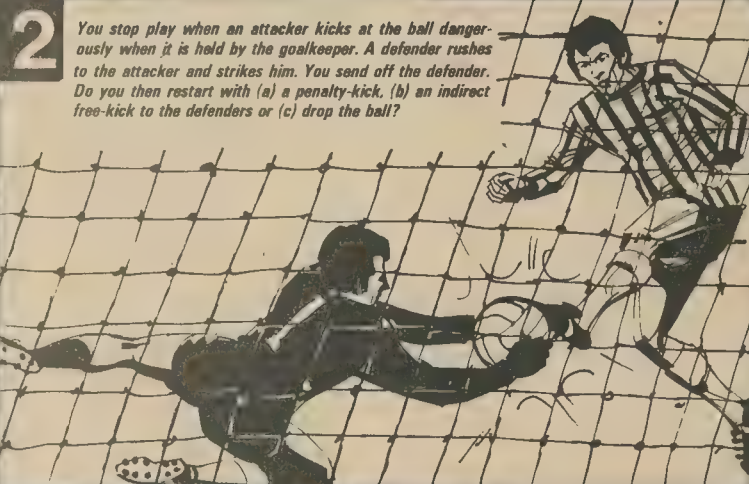
Sanon turns away in glory after scoring against Italy in the 1974 World Cup Finals.

YOU ARE THE REF

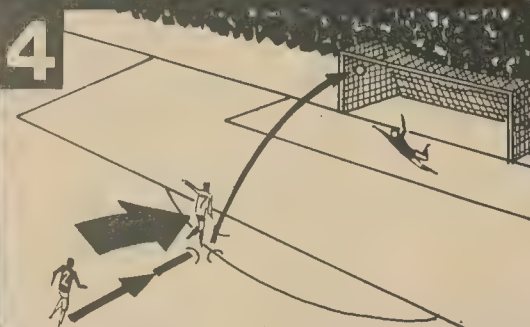
Compiled by STAN LOVER, Chairman of the London Referees' Society



At a throw-in a team-mate of the thrower goes over the touch-line and after the ball is thrown he runs back behind an opponent to receive the ball. Do you (a) take no action, (b) have the throw retaken or (c) caution the player and award a throw to the opponents?



You stop play when an attacker kicks at the ball dangerously when it is held by the goalkeeper. A defender rushes to the attacker and strikes him. You send off the defender. Do you then restart with (a) a penalty-kick, (b) an indirect free-kick to the defenders or (c) drop the ball?



A: Taking a free-kick outside the penalty-area a defender passes the ball back towards his goalkeeper. But the ball is intercepted by an attacker who is standing in an offside position. He scores. You allow the goal.



B: Defenders ask you to consult a linesman. He confirms that the scorer was in an offside position. You disallow the goal and award an indirect free-kick to the defending team. (Where is the problem?)

3 The ball is passed forward to an attacker who has two opponents between himself and the goal-line. He scores but you realise the goalkeeper was not one of the two opponents. Do you (a) award a goal, (b) an indirect free-kick against the scorer or (c) a goal-kick?



ANSWERS

1. The throw should be retaken (b) because the player should not be allowed to gain an advantage by going over the touch-line. 2. The game is stopped for dangerous play. Correct decision is an indirect free-kick to the defending team (b). 3. Award a goal (a). The goalkeeper is not

required to be one of the two opponents. 4. The goal is correctly awarded because the scorer received the ball from a defending player. The goal should not be disallowed because the scorer was not offside. In A the problem is in B. The goal should not be disallowed because the scorer was in an offside position. He scores. You allow the goal.

SHOOT-IN AT STAN

BEHIND THE WALL

Mr B.H. of Cambridge poses a problem which has caused much discussion at his club. He writes:

"A direct free-kick is awarded outside the penalty-area to the attacking team. The defenders form a wall but two attackers place themselves between the wall and the goalkeeper.

"A second defender stands off the field of play, in the goal. From the free-kick the ball goes into goal.

"Should the referee award a goal or a free-kick against the two attackers for offside and caution the defender who was off the field?"

The correct action is for the referee to ignore the fact that the defender was in the goal and to award a goal. The defender should not gain an advantage from his action.

ACCIDENTAL, INTENTIONAL, OR DELIBERATE?

Ross Pearsall of Erdington, Birmingham writes about an incident in a First Division match where the referee awarded a penalty-kick for handling the ball, but did not caution the offending player.

Ross asks, "Does the referee have a choice about cautioning the player for accidental or deliberate handball?"

The answer is YES. But, first, let's be clear about what the referee is looking for.

When the ball is touched by the hand of a defender, in the penalty-area, the referee has to be asking himself: Was it accidental? Was it intentional? Was it deliberate?

If accidental, there is no offence. No action.

If intentional, a penalty-kick.

If deliberate, a penalty-kick, and a caution.

The problem is differentiating between INTENTIONAL and DELIBERATE.

Two simple examples may help to highlight the difference.

1. A player who uses a hand, or arm, to bring the ball under control, handles the ball INTENTIONALLY.

2. If he punches the ball when it is clearly going into the goal, in order to deny the opponents a goal, he handles the ball DELIBERATELY.

In 2 the player not only breaks the written Law but offends against the spirit of the game. In other words, it is an act of ungentlemanly conduct, and a caution is justified.

HALF-TIME TEASER

"Would you allow a goalkeeper to tie his pet dog to a goalpost to keep an eye on it?"

Answer: No. To avoid possible interference from the dog during goal-mouth play.

David Brown of Selly Oak, Birmingham provides this week's teaser. "If two neutral linesmen agree about a certain decision can they overrule a referee?"

**City manager
ALAN DICKS —**

**SPOTLIGHT
on Bristol**

**Rovers manager
DON MEGSON —**

Why City went up



BRISTOL City manager Alan Dicks firmly believes that his squad won promotion last season because of the experience picked up in 1974-75, when City finished fifth from top in Division Two.

He says: "What we learned that term prepared the way for us last season — the confidence it gave City helped us to develop the right state of mind.

"We are a young squad with an average age of 23, so this belief in ourselves is essential. Added to the ability in the side I felt it fully equipped us for the final run-in.

"City are not a physical team, so we plan to win games by skill and working hard for each other. The players have grown up together and this helps tremendously in our preparations.

"And we did not alter our style or pattern of play last season. If we started to lose games I introduced changes — though these were in the shape of bringing in new players rather than new methods.

"Fortunately we have some promising 18 and 19-year-old players in our Football Combination side who were ready and willing to step up into the first-team."

This available reserve strength is doubly valuable to Bristol City, who lack cash to buy ready-made talent — their youngsters with a future include Steve Harding, who is a 19-year-old centre-half, winger Mike Brolly and goalkeeper John Shaw.

Also, there is Clive Whitehead, who proved he could get goals when first brought on as a substitute last season. And the scoring of goals, both at home and away, is one of the reasons for City's success.

Manager Dicks says: "We attack wherever we play, and always try to apply pressure, which means we invariably collect our share of goals. And Tom Ritchie and Paul Cheesley have done well in this respect.

"I consider that we are extremely well-balanced in attack and defence, but then we had to be to maintain our challenge. The finish to the promotion race was close.

"Mind you I always felt Sunderland would make it. Even when they were without the injured Billy Hughes for a spell they were hard to



beat and I never underrated them or any of our promotion rivals. This is why my players were consistent right up to the end.

"With the three-up and three-down situation, clubs have more to fight for and spectators are able to stay interested right up to May."

"Certainly, there were no easy matches for us last season. We could have run into trouble against any club."

In City's performances last term, Alan Dicks must derive extra satisfaction from the fact that success has been attained by a squad he has personally put together. When he took over at Ashton Gate in 1968 only two of the present team, skipper Geoff Merrick and Trevor Tainton were there.

Dicks concludes: "After all the time we have spent together, I'm delighted for the players that we've gone into Division One and realised our ambition. Success for them is long overdue."

Why Rovers stayed down



BRISTOL City's success in reaching the First Division last season made it even harder for the town's other club — Rovers — to accept their position fifth from the foot of the table.

Rovers boss Don Megson admitted: "When one club is doing well, there's always a lot of pressure on the other one to try and keep up with them.

"I think you get this in any City which has two clubs and, quite frankly, I reckon rivalry is healthy.

"Alan Dicks, the City manager,

"After that run we needed to attack all out away from home to try and make up for lost points, but in doing so we gave away plenty of goals and eventually landed up close to the relegation zone."

The most serious injuries for Rovers were those to midfield-men Frankie Prince and Peter Aitken, and to skipper Alan Warboys. Warboys was out for most of the season with various injuries.

Megson knows he's got to reshape the squad if he hopes to secure a Division One place next year.

"I want to make a few changes and get new faces by the start of next season but with the financial situation as it is I'm going to have to rely more on exchanging players. There's no money available for me to buy them.

"What I really want is an old-fashioned wing-half, someone who can win the ball for us in midfield. And I want more flair as well."

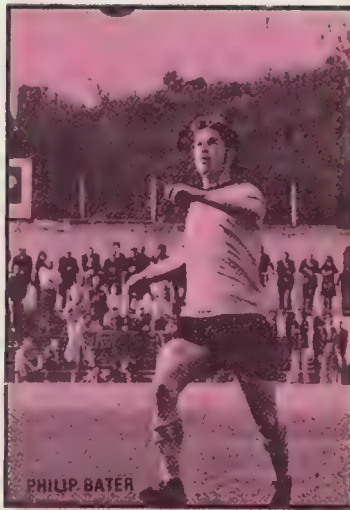
If the injuries cost Rovers their chance of promotion last season, they also allowed them to discover some untapped young talent.

The most outstanding of the crop is David Williams, a youngster who had started the season as an amateur and ended up with a regular midfield role in the first-team.

Phil Bater, who had made his debut as a 19-year-old in the previous season, was another to make an enormous first-team contribution.

Said Megson: "I always believe that some good comes out of a setback and the young lads proved me right last season.

"Now, with a bit of luck next season and a few less injuries, perhaps we can get in the running for promotion — and stay there!"



and I get on well but there's plenty of needle between the clubs and I wouldn't have it any other way."

For a long time, of course, Rovers were matching promotion strides with their rivals at Ashton Gate, and as the season turned into the New Year, it looked as though Bristol might be heading for a double celebration party.

But for Megson, 40, in his fourth year at Eastville, the season collapsed in one fateful month.

"It was around February. We were in the top half of the table at the time and going well when all of a sudden I had five first-teamers out injured. And they weren't just one match affairs. They were injuries which kept players out for six weeks at a time.

"I had to bring in several youngsters, who, I hasten to add, did very well. But I believe we drew something like five matches in a row, and when you're near the top of a table that's five points lost.

ANDERLECHT WIN SIX-GOAL THRILLER

WEST Ham were a credit to English football when they played Anderlecht in the European Cup-Winners' Cup Final. Anderlecht deservedly won the six-goal thriller, but don't forget The Hammers' part in making it such a great game.



ABOVE... Anderlecht captain Gilbert van Binst and Hugo Broos combine to beat Keith Robson.

BELOW... Pat Holland gives West Ham the lead as he slides the ball past Jan Ruiter in the Anderlecht goal.





ABOVE ... Holland's joy was short-lived, as in the second-half he was judged to have tripped Robbie Rensenbrink. The Dutch ace takes the penalty himself — and makes no mistake from the spot.
BELOW ... Billy Jennings causes an anxious moment for the Anderlecht defence.



ANDERLECHT HAVE WON THE CUP! Midfielder Jan Dockx and goal-ace Robbie Rensenbrink celebrate after the final whistle (above) and below, the Belgians display the Cup to their fans.



THE cries of "Scotland, Scotland" which reverberated round Hampden Park at 4.45 on May 15th told us just what our 2-1 victory over England meant to the fans. After a wait of nine years, Scotland were again Home International Champions, and the tartan army were over the moon about it.

They well deserved their moment of triumph, for I doubt if there is a greater bunch of supporters anywhere in the world.

From the moment the ball was kicked at the start of Scotland's opening match against Wales the fans were right behind the team.

I must admit I was a bit disappointed not to play against the Welsh, but goals against Northern Ireland, whom we beat 3-0, and England more than made up for me missing the opening match of the series, which we won 3-1.

Really, it was a very happy nine days for Scotland. Played three, won three, goals for eight, goals against two. A record to be proud of.

The highlight of the competition

was, of course, the Scotland-England clash at Hampden.

Rivalry between the two countries has always been intense, and with the outcome of the series depending on the result of that match, both teams were desperate to win.

It's history now, of course, that Scotland triumphed 2-1 to make up for the Wembley disaster of a year before when we lost (whisper it) 5-1.

And it turned out to be something of a "horror" game for England 'keeper Ray Clemence when he allowed a shot by me just after the restart to go between his legs to give us a victory we fully merited.

Did I feel sorry for Clemence? I must be honest and say, "no". It's nothing personal, mind you. But I am sure he wouldn't have sympathised with me if I'd failed to score. It's just one of these things that happen. A goal is a goal no matter how it's scored.

Anyway, Scotland should have had a penalty right on half-time when I was brought down inside the 18-yard box by Clemence. Unfortunately, the

referee blew for half-time just at that precise moment, and we didn't get what I felt was a just award.

It was my first goal against England in a full international, although I did score two in an Under-23 match at Derby a couple of years back in a game which ended 2-2.

To be perfectly honest, it wouldn't have made any difference to me had someone else scored. The important thing is to win, not who gets the goals.

However, I was naturally delighted my name went on the score-sheet, particularly as it was such an important goal for Scotland.

So, where do Scotland go from here? Well, unless any games are arranged in the interim, our next stop is Prague on October 13th for a World Cup qualifying match against Czechoslovakia.

That is where the big test will come. But on the basis of the team's performance in the Home Championships I am certain Scotland will do well.

The basics are there to be carried forward to the World Cup, and if everyone shows the same effort and

work-rate as was evident against Wales, Ireland and England the team can only get better.

Perhaps the most pleasing factor for manager Willie Ormond in these three games was the fact everyone wanted to play and look for the ball.

Quite honestly, I don't reckon there's a better midfield trio in Great Britain than Archie Gemmill, Bruce Rioch, and Don Masson . . . with myself operating between the middle of the park and up-front.

Special mention must be given to Don Masson. Whatever you've read about him to date I endorse all the praise heaped upon him. He slotted into our set-up like the vital missing part of a jigsaw puzzle.

Despite the fact Scotland took three goals off Wales and Northern Ireland respectively, both countries have a lot of talent at their disposal.

When Scotland played Wales, the Welsh were without three or four of their top players, but against England they had a full-strength team and played well enough to have expected at least a point.

Ireland also have a lot going for them despite failing to win any of their matches. Like the Scots they have tremendous pride in the jersey, and have a lot of young players breaking through.

'SCOTLAND'S PROUD RECORD'

TARTAN TALK

Kenny Dalglish



Kenny and his Celtic team-mate Danny McGrain with the Home Championships trophy after Scotland's win over England.

England have taken a bit of stick recently, but I still feel they have a lot of good players and a first-class manager in Don Revie.

Obviously, Revie is concerned with establishing a pattern, and developing a system to achieve success in the World Cup. But it takes time.

After all, Sir Alf Ramsey was criticised and yet England went on to win the World Cup.

That's why I'm sure that once Revie gets his England team organised they'll challenge strongly for the Big Ones.

That's all for now. Join me again in a fortnight's time.

Kenny Dalglish

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' SKIPPER JOHN GREIG



Motherwell's defender Joe Wark (centre) thwarts an attack by Hearts during a Premier League clash last season.



DOMINIC SULLIVAN— Two players in one

DOMINIC is the sort of player who is admired throughout the game. He's skilful, pointed, assured, clever and neat. There aren't many detractors in evidence when his talent is discussed.

For all that, though, he was with Clyde for five years and there were only a couple of concrete bids for his services. There seemed to be an endless stream of managers at Shawfield to watch the player in action, but at the end of the day all but two left the ground undecided about Sullivan's tricky ability on the right-wing or in midfield.

The two managers who believed Sullivan could be a hit with a bigger club were Jim McLean, of Dundee United, and Aberdeen's Ally MacLeod. McLean bid £35,000 for the Under-23 international last season and Clyde agreed to the sum.

Sullivan, though, changed his mind about the move and decided to stay with the Shawfield side. It looked as though he had passed up the opportunity to parade his skills in a more competitive League.

But then Aberdeen arrived on the scene. MacLeod matched Dundee

United's bid and after some persuasive words from the Pittodrie boss Sullivan eventually signed on the dotted line.

"He was just the sort of player I'd been looking for," says MacLeod. "He can take the ball to the line and hit over good, goal-making crosses. And the boy has already proved what he can do in the middle of the park. You could say I have got two players for the price of one."

"I don't have any doubts Sullivan will be a success here. The challenge is there for him because no one walks into my first-team without earning that place."

"The competition should keep him on edge and I think he will be a far better player because of it."

MacLeod was the man who brought Johnny Doyle to international stature while he was on the right-wing for Ayr United. MacLeod, a former winger with Blackburn, Third Lanark and Hibs, taught Doyle all he knew and the partnership was a profitable one.

Doyle went from strength to strength and after MacLeod left Ayr for Aberdeen there was speculation he would return for the player. Cel-

tic, though, had other ideas and stepped in with a £90,000 bid to take Johnny to Parkhead.

Now MacLeod has bought Sullivan it will be seen if he can work his magic again on a young and talented player, who, for some reason or another, has failed to display his skills on a consistent level.

"Mr. MacLeod's enthusiasm is so infectious," says Sullivan. "He wants you to play for your club, your team-mates and yourself. He asks, in fact, DEMANDS 100 per cent effort on the field and that is the message he is hammering across to everyone at Pittodrie at the moment."

"I don't want to let him down and I'm certain this will prove to be a tremendous move for me."

"It was unsettling at Clyde when I read clubs were watching me just about every week. I wanted a move, but all the talk seemed to affect my form."

"Thank goodness, that's all over now. I can concentrate completely on the game again and that's bound to help my overall form in the new season. Mr. MacLeod has already passed on a few hints and advice and I feel I will be a better player with him on the sidelines to guide me."

"The potential at Aberdeen is great. There are many fine players, the nucleus of a very good side, and the support will obviously grow if we show what we can do."

"I'll tell you this, The Dons won't fail for lack of trying."

Q.P.R. CHAMPIONS!

— according to this table

IF IT'S any consolation to Queens Park Rangers, who missed their first League Championship by a point and saw it go instead to Liverpool for a record ninth time, here is a table in which Rangers proved themselves the best of the four clubs who dominated the 1975-76 race for the League title.

It is a "League within a League", based on the results of the 12 matches in which Rangers, Liverpool, Derby County and Manchester United faced each other for points last season.

In this exclusive mini-League, Q.P.R. finished level on points

with Liverpool ... but got the verdict on goal-average.

Rangers whipped Derby 5-1 away at the start of the season and impressively beat the other two at home. Derby drew 1-1 away to their three top-of-the-table rivals ... Manchester United totalled only five but real Champions Liverpool conceded only five.

So Rangers proved themselves "Champions" against their closest rivals ... but had to make do with second place to Liverpool in the final League table.

TITLE-CHASERS

How the Big Four fared against each other in Season 1975-76

Table

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Q.P.R..... | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 7 |
| Liverpool..... | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 7 |
| Derby..... | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 6 |
| Manchester United..... | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 4 |

Results

| | Derby | Liverpool | Man. Utd. | Q.P.R. |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Derby | Home Away | D1-1 D1-1 | W2-1 D1-1 | L1-5 D1-1 |
| Liverpool | Home Away | D1-1 D1-1 | W3-1 D0-0 | W2-0 L0-2 |
| Man. Utd. | Home Away | D1-1 L1-2 | D0-0 L1-3 | W2-1 L0-1 |
| Q.P.R. | Home Away | D1-1 W5-1 | W1-0 L1-2 | — — |

AS 1975/76 slowly draws to an end, we can look back on many shocks and surprises, but from my point of view the biggest of them all was being appointed captain of England by Don Revie.

I was just establishing myself in the side at the time and as skipper of Queens Park Rangers, I obviously hoped one day to lead my country, too.

I did not expect the honour so soon ... it really came out of the blue.

The form of Q.P.R. surprised a lot of people, but not me. In fact, I had a bet on us to win the title at 40/1 — and I wouldn't throw my money around unless I thought I had a good chance of winning!

tually took its toll and after causing the sort of shocks the competition is famous for, the South Londoners now face another season in Division Three.

Overall, 1975/76 was a great campaign for Palace and I'm sorry they didn't go up. I feel they'd have done well in Division Two.

Malcolm Allison and Terry Venables can be proud of Palace's performances, although I'm sure they're sick they were left with nothing but praise to show for their efforts.

I've been in a similar position with Q.P.R., where a run in the Cup has affected our League form.

'When Don Revie shocked me'

my side
of soccer
GERRY FRANCIS

Even when we hit a bad patch around the turn of the year, I was still confident we could carry off the Championship, but in the end dropping silly points proved fatal.

Manchester United did exceptionally well after winning promotion from Division Two.

As soon as we played them at Loftus Road in September — we won 1-0 — I knew The Reds would be a force to be reckoned with.

Unlike some teams, they never gave up and no heads dropped when we went ahead.

They struck me as an outstanding all-round team and, backed by their fanatical supporters, I was not surprised United were in with a chance of the Double for a spell.

Southampton deservedly beat them in the F.A. Cup Final — which half surprised me.

While I tipped United to win, I also said the longer the game went on, the more it would favour Saints. Also, United were suspect to long balls through the middle and it was such a move that gave Bobby Stokes the chance to put his name in the soccer history books.

Southampton — 5-1 outsiders — did their homework on United. They marked wingers Steve Coppell and Gordon Hill very tightly and their centre-backs gave Stuart Pearson no room.

Crystal Palace's Cup run even-

RIGHT:

"In action against Tony Currie of Sheffield Utd. The Blades played well after relegation was certain."

BELOW:

"Southampton's defence didn't give Stuart Pearson much room."





survive, but I feel if they hadn't have gone down this year, they would have next season.

I wasn't surprised by the performance of Saint-Etienne in the European Cup Final against Bayern Munich.

Q.P.R. played the French national team a couple of years ago — I was on England duty — and the lads told me France looked a very useful side, winning 3-0.

There were three or four Saint-Etienne players playing that day and the French club have obviously progressed a lot since then.

They reminded me of the Holland World Cup side, the way they knocked the ball around and I thought Bayern were desperate-

"One lapse of concentration and the talented Saint-Etienne lost the European Cup to Roth's free-kick."

ly lucky to win the Cup for the third successive year.

Saint-Etienne's central defenders attacked with purpose and their wingers caused no end of problems for the Germans.

Bayern could have been three goals down by half-time, but they survived and Saint-Etienne made just about their only mistake and Roth scored following a free-kick.

I'll be keeping an eye on France for the next World Cup. I assume Saint-Etienne will provide the backbone for the team and they are worth an outside bet, I'd say.

While England were in the States preparing for our game against Brazil, Wales went out of the European Championship Quarter-Finals to Yugoslavia.

Wales have been together for a long time; they're a good team with the sort of understanding only experience can bring.

I thought they might have surprised the Slavs, but from all accounts it was a scrappy game.

That's all for now . . . see you next week,

Gerry Fair

The Cup does something . . . it makes motivation for League games difficult, which isn't a good thing, but nevertheless it's true.

Now, Palace have got to do it all over again. I wish them luck.

Wolves surprised me by being relegated . . . I thought they were too good to go down.

I fear for them in Division Two, though. Wolves are an attacking side who like to take the game to opponents.

Organisation is the key to success in the Second Division and Wolves might find it a struggle.

I felt sorry for Sheffield United, who were not as bad a team as their position indicated.

When you get in a rut, it's difficult to get out of it. The harder you try, the deeper you seem to get in.

Ironically, once The Blades were definitely relegated and the pressure was off, they started to play some good football and chalked up a few shock results, like beating Leeds United at Elland Road.

I wasn't surprised Burnley — who came up with us in 1973 — went back to Division Two.

They've sold too many young stars recently and replaced them with older players.

I appreciate that Burnley, with small resources, have to sell to

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1975/76



The second part of our fascinating month-by-month review of the past season

September

THIS SEASON saw the international trail kicking-off early. By the time September was only three days old, all but one of the four home nations had already played a full game.

England won a friendly in Switzerland, but failed to provide the glad tidings that Don Revie had found the right blend yet.

In the European Championship, Irish eyes weren't smiling against Sweden — and, though Scotland won in Denmark, revelations of the real shocks of that game weren't to come till after.

But there were hopeful signs, too; especially on the domestic front.

The banning of "Soccer Specials" seemed to have scored at least an initial success by damping-down the worst excesses of mob-rule — while both the number of goals, and the attractiveness of open, attacking play, continued.

And it was satisfying that, at the end of the month, three of England's most enjoyable — to — watch sides — Q.P.R., West Ham, and Manchester United — lorded it in the top three places of the First Division table.

There were surprises, though, as well as satisfaction — and already some confident pre-season predictions about certain teams' fortunes were beginning to look awry.

Sheffield United, so impressive in the closing stages of the previous campaign, were firmly anchored at the foot of the First Division table with a miserable three points from ten games.

And Ipswich, desperately unfortunate not to have won anything only a few months earlier, also went off the boil and couldn't yet average a point a game.

In Scotland — with Rangers, Celtic, and Hibs sitting comfortably as 1-2-3 at the month's end — there could hardly be said to be any surprises.

But satisfaction, certainly — with early justification for the new super slimline Premier League in the shape of more hard-fought games, and bigger crowds paying to see them.

1st: England party flies out to Switzerland for first international of the season. Port Vale skipper Terry Bailey sent off at Hereford.

2nd: Scotland Under-23s win 1-0 in Denmark. Crewe's Steve Melledew sent off against Tranmere.

3rd: England unimpressive in 2-1 win in friendly against Switzerland in Basle. Scotland keep slim European Championship hopes alive by winning 1-0 in Denmark, but Northern Ireland's 1-2 home defeat by Sweden wrecks their chances. West Ham lose 0-1 away to Fiorentina in first leg of Anglo-Italian Final. British Rail put their own boot in on hooliganism by axing all cheap-rate "Soccer Specials". League Secretary Alan Hardaker says: "If only they'd done it three or four years ago, we'd never have got into this mess."

4th: Walley Barnes — famous Arsenal right-back and Welsh international, and later TV and radio commentator — dies at age of 55.

6th: Five players sent off — biggest one-day haul of season so far. Guilty men are Malone (Sunderland), Stroud (Swindon), Groves (Oldham), Walker (Barnsley), and Batson (Cambridge). Ted MacDougall hits 24-minute hat-trick against Everton. Gates slightly down — but no serious crowd disorders. Rumours of team misbehaviour after Scotland's mid-week international.

8th: Biggest soccer sensation of 1975 — Scottish F.A. slap international life-ban on five stars, including skipper Billy Bremner, because of alleged scenes at Copenhagen night-club following game against Denmark.

9th: Scottish F.A. criticised in many quarters for imposing ban so hastily and "without giving players a hearing first". Tony Towers (Sunderland) and Jimmy Mann (Bristol City) sent off in League Cup-ties.

10th: Alan Gowling scores four in Newcastle's 6-0 League Cup rout of Southport. Fourth Division clubs provide shocks — Crewe put out Chelsea, and Brentford lead high-flying Manchester United for most

of game at Old Trafford.

13th: 39 for First Division in day of goals. Peter Noble scores all four for Burnley, but sees Norwich hit back to square eight-goal thriller. Slowest goal of the season — it took 821 minutes to come — breaks Scunthorpe's duck when Hemmerman scores against Hartlepool. Peterborough sub Bill Telford, making League debut, scores with his very first touch of ball. Q.P.R. end Manchester United's unbeaten record; London Transport crews refuse to take tubes or buses anywhere near ground — but, happily, no thug trouble.

16th: Top European competitions kick-off. Celtic win in Iceland, but Irish not so lucky — Coleraine beaten 5-1 by Eintracht Frankfurt, and Glentoran 6-1 by Ajax. Spurs sign Aberdeen's Willie Young — one of Scotland's "Banned Five" — for £140,000.



17th: Nine more British teams get on European trail. Highspot is Ipswich's 2-1 away win over Feyenoord in U.E.F.A. Cup, but Derby go 0-1 down to Slovan Bratislava in first leg of Champions Cup. Everton's Mike Bernard sent off against A.C. Milan.

18th: With nearly two years of his contract to run, Freddie Goodwin is fired by Birmingham. Willie Bell named caretaker manager, but Brian Clough hotly tipped as permanent successor.

19th: Hard-up Southport, without a League win, reveal plans to go part-time next season.

20th: Newcastle's Alan Gowling hits another hat-trick, against

Wolves, while Norwich's Ted MacDougall boosts his own season's bag to 14 goals. Chelsea's Bill Garner sent off against Bristol City. Sheffield United's Tony Currie storms out of West Ham after being substituted for the first time in his career. His club now have only one point from eight games.

21st: Freddie Goodwin has a go at Brian Clough, saying: "His nose is getting as big as his mouth — putting it into everyone else's business!" Arsenal, Spurs, and Leeds said to be ready to pay out £300,000 if Currie becomes available.

23rd: A crowd of 25,606 see Third Division leaders Crystal Palace topped 1-0 at home by Brighton.

24th: Q.P.R. top First Division table for very first time — without even playing! An 88th minute Charlie George winner for Derby against Manchester United alters the decimal points to give Rangers the lead — by 0.048 of a goal!

25th: Manager John Bond signs Forest defender David Jones — the sixth former Bournemouth player to join him at Norwich. Southport manager Jimmy Melia quits to take up coaching post in the Persian Gulf.

26th: Jackie Charlton becomes new favourite to take over manager's job at Birmingham.

27th: Local derby day in England. Big crowds — and honours even — at Villa, Everton, and Tottenham. Southampton's Mick Channon hits hat-trick against Portsmouth, and Spurs' boss Terry Neill slams the drab 0-0 draw with Arsenal as "an absolute disgrace for which I apologise to the suffering spectators!"

29th: Verdict of "Trial by TV" — Birmingham's Kenny Burns is fined heavily by his club for a savage over-the-top tackle on Villa's John Robson that shocked millions of viewers the previous afternoon — and was described by ITV's Brian Moore as "the most violent tackle we have seen on our programme".

30th: Liverpool, 0-1 down from the away leg, safely put Hibernian out of U.E.F.A. Cup with 3-1 Anfield win — John Toshack getting all three.

International trail

FRIENDLY:

Switzerland 1, ENGLAND 2

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP:

N. IRELAND 1, Sweden 2
Denmark 0, SCOTLAND 1
Holland 4, Finland 1
France 3, Iceland 0
Belgium 1, Iceland 0
Poland 4, Holland 1
Hungary 2, Austria 1
Belgium 1, East Germany 2
Italy 0, Finland 0

EUROPEAN UNDER-23 CHAMPIONSHIP:

Denmark 0, SCOTLAND 1

End-of-month table-toppers

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Div One: | Q.P.R. (15 pts) West Ham (15) Manchester U (14) |
| Div Two: | Sunderland (15) Notts County (14) Fulham (12) |
| Div Three: | Crystal Pal (14) Bury (13) Preston (12) |
| Div Four: | Reading (13) Lincoln (12) Northampton (12) |

Scottish Premier: Scottish 1st:
Rangers (8) Partick (9)
Celtic (7) Kilmarnock (8)
Hibernian (7) Hamilton (7)

Scottish Second:
Clydebank (10)
Alloa (8)
Raith (7)

and wooden-spoonists

Div One: Sheffield Utd. (3 pts)
Div Two: Oxford (4)
Div Three: Swindon (4)
Div Four: Southport (2)
Scottish Premier: St Johnstone (2)
Scottish 1st: Queen of the South (1)
Scottish 2nd: Brechin (2)

End-of-month top scorers

Division One

15: MacDougall (Norwich).
11: Noble (Burnley).
8: Macdonald (Newcastle).
7: Gowling (Newcastle), Lorimer (Leeds).

Division Two

6: Channon (Southampton), Cheesley (Bristol City), Jones (Oldham), Walsh (Blackpool).
5: Bradd (Notts County), Greenwood (Hull).

Division Three

8: Kemp (Crystal Palace), Treacy (Preston).

7: Binney (Brighton), Cullerton (Port Vale), Silvester (South-end).

Division Four

8: O'Callaghan (Doncaster), Ward (Lincoln).
7: Moore (Tranmere).



TED MacDOUGALL

Hat-trick heroes

6th: MacDOUGALL 3 (Norwich v. Everton; Div 1; home).

SILVESTER 3 (Southend v. Walsall; Div 3; away).

10th: GUTHRIE 3 (Sheffield Utd. v. Halifax; League Cup; away).

GOWLING 4 (Newcastle v. Southport; League Cup; home).

13th: NOBLE 4 (Burnley v. Norwich; Div 1; home).

20th: GOWLING 3 (Newcastle v. Wolves; Div 1; home).

WALSH 3 (Blackpool v. Southampton; Div 2; home).

22nd: WHITHAM 3 (Reading v. Hartlepool; Div 4; away).

27th: CHANNON 3 (Southampton v. Portsmouth; Div 2; home).

CLARKE 3 (Mansfield v. Walsall; Div 3; home).

KITCHEN 3 (Doncaster v. Southport; Div 4; home).

29th: TUEART 3 (Manchester City v. Norwich; League Cup; neutral).

30th: TOSHACK 3 (Liverpool v. Hibernian; U.E.F.A. Cup; home).

Odd spot

Monday, 15th September turned out quite a day for cricketing footballer Chris Balderstone.

Clothed in white flannels, Chris took the field at 11 o'clock at Chesterfield to continue the vital last match of the season against Derbyshire that Leicestershire had to win to clinch the 1975 County Championship.

He bowled nine overs, took a catch — and then batted the last 110 minutes of play to score 51 not out.

Stumps were drawn at 6.30 — and, within five minutes, Balderstone was on his way to play for Doncaster against Brentford.

He arrived at the ground at 7.05, still in cricketing gear — and, twenty minutes later, trotted out in his all-red strip to help Doncaster to

Action from the Northern Ireland/Sweden game which the Irish lost by 2-1.



a 1-1 draw.

Next morning, Chris — who admitted "I was a bit tired, but thoroughly enjoyed it" — went back to cricket to complete his century ... and help Leicestershire become County Champions for the very first time.

'Gatecrashers'

AT THE TOP —

55,570: Everton v. Liverpool (Sep. 27)

53,782: Aston Villa v. Birmingham (Sep. 27)

51,641: Man. Utd. v. Spurs (Sep. 6)

— and AT THE BOTTOM

871: Southport v. Lincoln (Sep. 24)

1,004: Workington v. Exeter (Sep. 6)

1,012: Southport v. Hartlepool (Sep. 19)

SCOTTISH BEST —

35,000: Rangers v. Hibernian (Sep. 20)

Managerial moves

OUT

FREDDIE GOODWIN (Birmingham)
JIMMY MELIA (Southport)

Six-figure sell

WILLIE YOUNG (Aberdeen to Spurs; £100,000)

and others on the transfer trail

JOHN BURRIDGE (Blackpool to Aston Villa)

CLIFF CALVERT (York to Sheffield United)

PAUL CROSSLEY (Tranmere to Chester)

ARTHUR HORSFIELD (Charlton to Watford)

JOHN JAMES (Chester to Tranmere)

DAVID JONES (Nottingham Forest to Norwich)

BARRY POWELL (Wolves to Coventry)
BOBBY SAXTON (Plymouth to Exeter)
BOBBY SCAIFE (Middlesbrough to Hartlepool)

'Daily Mirror' Footballer of the Month

TED MacDOUGALL (Norwich)

Manager of the month

DAVE SEXTON (Q.P.R.)

Quote of the month

"The increasing pace of the game today is getting frightening. We are all trying to go too fast, and the game is not flowing freely enough because we've lost the basic art of passing the ball."

— Manchester City manager TONY BOOK

Euro Cups

CHAMPIONS:

LINFIELD 1, P.S.V. Eindhoven 2
RANGERS 4, BOHEMIANS 1
Slovak Bratislava 1, DERBY 0

CUP-WINNERS:

Valur 0, CELTIC 2
Eintracht Frankfurt 5, COLERAINE 1
WREXHAM 2, Djurgarden 1
DRUMCONDRA 1, R.C. Lens 1
Lahden Reipas 2, WEST HAM 2
COLERAINE 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 6

UEFA:

GLENTORAN 1, Ajax 6
Royal Antwerp 4, ASTON VILLA 1
Feyenoord 1, IPSWICH 2
HIBERNIAN 1, LIVERPOOL 0
EVERTON 0, A.C. Milan 0
Keflavik 0, DUNDEE UTD. 2
LIVERPOOL 3, HIBERNIAN 1
DUNDEE UTD. 4, Keflavik 0

SCORE A SOCCER CENTURY

REFS



The referees below all officiated at top games last season. Can you sort out the correct refs for the right matches?

(Award five points for each correct answer)

1. Czechoslovakia v. England (A. Prokop, West Germany)
2. Scotland v. Rumania (Jack Taylor, above)
3. Manchester City v. Newcastle (G. Courtney)
4. Southampton v. Manchester United (D. Michelotti, Italy)
5. Wolves v. Liverpool (Clive Thomas)

| MAX. TOTAL | YOUR TOTAL |
|------------|------------|
| 25 | 23 |

1. D. Michelotti, 2. A. Prokop, 3. Jack Taylor, 4. Clive Thomas, 5. G. Courtney.

Tackle this quiz, section by section, checking your answers with those printed upside down beneath each section. Award yourself the number of points indicated for each question and write your scores in the boxes. Then add up your scores and see how close you are to the maximum total of 100.

TRUE OR FALSE

(Award five points for each correct answer)

1. Jimmy Greaves replaced Roger Hunt as substitute during the 1966 World Cup Final against West Germany.
2. The Killies is the nickname of Scottish club Kilmarnock.
3. Millwall were once known as Millwall Athletic.
4. The European Cup-Winners' Cup was formerly called the Fairs Cup.

| MAX. TOTAL | YOUR TOTAL |
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| 20 | 16 |

1. False, 2. True, 3. True, 4. False (the U.F.A. Cup was known as the Fairs Cup)

EURO FINAL

The Final of the European Cup was played recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the game.

(Award five points for each correct answer)

1. Bayern Munich beat Saint-Etienne 1-0 ... can you name the goalscorer?
2. Was it scored in the first or second-half?
3. Which Dutch club did the Frenchmen knock out in the Semi-Finals?
4. Did Argentinian Osvaldo Piazza play for Bayern or Saint-Etienne?

| MAX. TOTAL | YOUR TOTAL |
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| 20 | 20 |

1. Franz Roth, 2. Second-half, 3. P.S.V. Eindhoven, 4. Saint-Etienne.

STRIKERS

(Award three points for each correct answer)

1. Can you name the former England striker who retired at the end of last season and finished his career with two goals in the last minute against Ipswich Town on April 24th?
2. You should all know Rangers beat Hearts 3-1 to win the Scottish Cup. Which of their front-runners scored two of the goals?
3. Which club would Darlington be playing against if Andy McCulloch scored for the opposition during a Fourth Division game?
4. Did Everton sign Andy King from Liverpool, Luton or Lincoln City last season?
5. Can you pick out the striker from the following — Colin Suggett (Norwich), Keith Osgood (below, Spurs) or Chris Guthrie (Sheff. United)?



| MAX. TOTAL | YOUR TOTAL |
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| 15 | 15 |

1. Francis Lee of Derby, 2. Derek Johnstone, 3. Brentford, 4. Luton, 5. Chris Guthrie.

TOP SCORERS LAST TERM

(Award five points for each correct answer)

1. Newcastle's Alan Gowling topped the First Division charts with 30 goals. He scored three goals on one, two or three occasions?
2. For which club did Derek Hales score 31 goals and so finish as the Second Division's leading marksman?
3. Two players headed the Third with 34 League goals. Hereford's Dixie McNeil was one ... can you name the other?
4. Tranmere's Ronnie Moore was the top overall goalscorer in the Football League with 36, 37 or 38 goals?

| MAX. TOTAL | YOUR TOTAL |
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| 20 | 15 |

1. Twice, 2. Charlton, 3. Walsall's Alan Buckley, 4. 37 goals.

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GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

Across:— (1) Toss. (3) Busby. (5) To. (7) Roam. (9) Burley. (11) Limbs. (12) Yell. (13) Seen. (14) Log. (16) And. (18) Robins. (21) Of. (22) Urn. (23) Or. (25) Lay. (27) Glass. (29) Owl. (30) Add. (31) Reels. (32) Yards.

Down:— (1) Terry Naylor. (2) Small. (3) Bobby Gould. (4) Bulge. (6) Lyons. (8) Mill. (10) Us. (13) Shins. (15) Or. (17) Doyle. (19) Brady. (20) So. (24) Ross. (26) Awe. (27) Gas. (28) Sir.

Jumbled Name: ROGER OSBORNE.

SUNDERLAND'S long-serving Bobby Kerr is not looking forward to any easing of pressure at Roker Park following their promotion, because he has already sampled Division One football. And he believes there will be little time to relax next season.

Since beating Leeds United in the 1973 F.A. Cup Final, Sunderland twice came close to promotion before succeeding at the third attempt, with Kerr a key-man in the side.

It has been a hard slog for The Weariders, and one which Bobby thinks could have some advantages for Sunderland in the future.

He says: "The players have been under a strain for three years and learned to live with it — so the experience will be invaluable in preparing us to take on first-class sides.

"Winning the Cup did not guarantee Sunderland a First Division place, and the present holders, Southampton, will find they will have a struggle on their hands to get out of the Second Division.

"A winning team can't afford to rest on its laurels. Everything has to be repeated the following season. We must prove ourselves again to our fans in August.

"But I think we can hold our own in the First Division. I am not forecasting that Sunderland will be among the leaders, though I feel we are good enough to finish in the top ten.

"Most of our team has had First Division experience, including Jim Montgomery, Bobby Moncur, Jeff Clarke, Tony Towers, Ian Porterfield, Ray Train, Bryan Robson, Billy Hughes and myself."

And in Kerr's opinion, the style of Sunderland will be a big help in the club's ambition to equip itself well next season.

"Second Division players hustle and harry the



opposition more than they do in the First. We'll be allowed to play football and we have our share of men who can do so.

"At right-back, Dick Malone is dangerous with his over-lapping runs, and our centre-backs, Bobby Moncur and Jeff Clarke, both read the game well and are difficult to catch out of position.

"In midfield, we can expect to be severely tested in Division One, because this is such a vital area. However, with Tony Towers as skipper, I consider we are competitive enough to find openings and create chances for our forwards.

"And in the goal-getting department, Bryan Robson has shown in his Newcastle and West Ham days he knows how to find the net.

"Then we have Mel Holden, Billy Hughes and Roy Greenwood to set First Division defenders some problems up front."

In assessing his team's chances in 1976-77, Bobby takes into account the fact that last term Sunderland's away performances fell a long way short of their outstanding form at Roker Park.

"Last season everybody at Roker spent a lot of time trying to work out why we failed to impress on other clubs' grounds. And nobody was able to come up with a convincing explanation.

"But there was a feeling among the players that the contrast in appearing before good gates at Sunderland and poor attendances in most away matches had an effect.

"Big crowds give better motivation to players and we sometimes felt uninspired when there was not enough fans to create an atmosphere.

"Come August, we shall be able to find out if our theory was correct. There will be plenty of atmosphere at Anfield, Old Trafford and other First Division grounds. And the more people there are, the better it will suit Sunderland."

'BIG GROUNDS CAN IMPROVE OUR AWAY FORM' SAYS SUNDERLAND'S BOBBY KERR

Bobby Kerr (top of page) believes the lack of atmosphere at some away matches, such as Oxford United, affected Sunderland's form.



FOCUS ON

BRYAN HAMILTON Everton

FULL NAME: Bryan Hamilton
BIRTHPLACE: Belfast
BIRTHDATE: 31st December, 1946
HEIGHT: 5ft 8ins
WEIGHT: 10st 10lb
PREVIOUS CLUB: Ipswich Town
MARRIED: To Collette
CHILDREN: Danielle
CAR: Ford Cortina
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: George Best, Pat Jennings, Kevin Beattie
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS: Crusaders (local Belfast club) and Ipswich Town
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Former Ipswich team-mate Kevin Beattie
MOST MEMORABLE MATCHES: Playing Real Madrid home and away in the U.E.F.A. Cup with Ipswich; my first international against England in Belfast
BIGGEST THRILL: Playing in Belfast again after a four-year absence through internal unrest
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: When West Ham knocked Ipswich out of the F.A. Cup at the Semi-Finals stage in 1974/75
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Bermuda
FAVOURITE FOOD: Food!
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Winning, walking on Sunday morning with my daughter and dog
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Flying, wasting time
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: M*A*S*H, most sports programmes
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Stylistics, Neil Sedaka
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Dustin Hoffman, Barbra Streisand
BEST FRIEND: I would like to think I have quite a few
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Injury . . . losing
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Youth, Under-23 and full honours
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To be a manager, and to win League and Cup medals with Everton
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? In electrical engineering
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Frank Sinatra

Bryan Hamilton



SHOOT/GOAL